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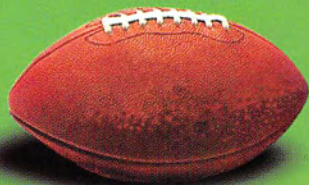
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EDITOR'S LETTER

Can we keep all the news on the field, guys—please?

Dear Street & Smith's College Football reader:

What a wonderful, quirky season last.

Exhibit A: Who predicted a Virginia Tech team (No. 10 in our preseason rankings) would give redoubtable Florida State such an incredible, close run for the national championship? Wish we had, but didn't. Nor did anyone else.

But what fun it was!

Exhibit B: Who predicted a St. Louis-Tennessee Super Bowl? Wish we had, but didn't. Nor did anyone else, including the Las Vegas geniuses who offered something like, uh, infinity-to-1 on a preseason wager. Wish we had, but didn't. Nor did anyone else.

But what fun it was! ("The greatest Super Bowl ever," gushed some. Well, at least the fourth quarter was.)

Exhibit C: This is out of my personal left field. Who predicted the University of Hawaii (0-12 in '98) would be WAC co-champion and a bowl winner? Wish we had, but didn't. Nor did anyone else.

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Fun. That's what's football's all about. Or should be.

Sure, big money plays a significant role in the NFL, as well as college. And that's exclusive of gambling. Both are big businesses. Both are inextricably tied together. (No doubt, President Teddy Roosevelt has died a thousand more deaths over his 1906 offspring, known today as the NCAA.)

This spring's NFL Draft was notable in many ways, not the least of which was the record number of non-seniors drafted. But you also have to wonder about the alleged "seniors" who were, and just how capable they are to handle the myriad pressures attendant to their newfound wealth and celebrity.

Leander Jordan, a third-round selection of the Carolina Panthers, said his new boss, owner and CEO Jerry Richardson, wants two things: a Super Bowl (of course) and no "thugs" on his roster.

"He said he doesn't want thugs," Jordan told The Charlotte Observer. "There's no room for the nonsense." Quoting the boss, a sentiment—no doubt—expressed by Richardson's NFL peers, Jordan said: "This is how we want it or you won't be here."

"Keep your nose clean" was Jordan's interpretation. Excellent, Leander!

Rae Carruth, the Panthers' first-round draft choice in 1997, is being held without bail in the murder of his estranged, pregnant girlfriend. His newborn son survived the shooting.

There are other Panthers (mostly ex), such as Kerry Collins, who may be losing the battle of the bottle. He's now with the Giants, via the Saints, in just two seasons.

Lest we pick on Carolina, Baltimore football icon Ray Lewis also faces a murder charge in a bizarre incident following the Super Bowl in Atlanta.

There's more, but lesser offenses, even down to incoming rookie Bengal Peter Warrick, who at Florida State last season thought he could buy clothes for pennies on the dollar. No big deal, but it may have cost him the Heisman.

There's a serious lesson in all this. For any aspiring football player at any level—including those of wealth and prominence—use whatever gray matter you have for the good of all concerned. Starting, most assuredly, with you.

Financial substance and/or prominence without blending in the brain can be a deadly opiate.

Mike Kallay, Executive Editor

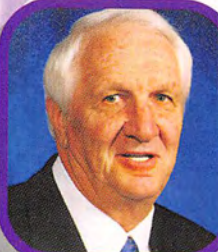
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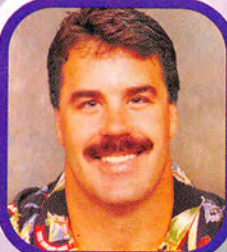
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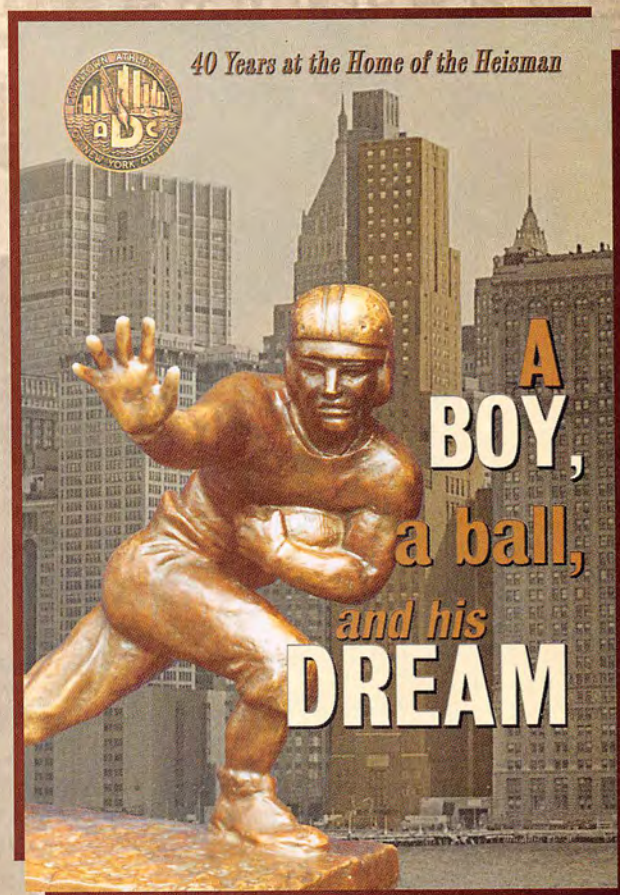
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Let the Cup chase begin
With Curtis Joseph in goal and playoff experience behind them, the Toronto Maple Leafs are in good shape in the Eastern Conference playoffs. Joseph made 30 saves for his ninth career playoff shutout and Darcy Tucker and Mats Sundin scored Wednesday night to give the Leafs a 2-0 victory over the Ottawa Senators in their playoff opener. "It's a fine line when it comes to the playoffs," Sundin said. "The teams were evenly matched, and CuJo was the difference. He had a great game, as usual."

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Quiet inspiration
It was anything but a calm opening day at the baseball monument known as Yankee Stadium. The chilling wind was swirling all around and the sun was blinding, a combination that seemingly made every flyball an adventure. Speaking of adventures, there was David Cone's 40-pitch grinder in the third, which fortunately for the Yankees only resulted in two Texas runs.

Taken from CBS Sportline

A O-clay

Top-seeded Mary Pierce had no problems in her first match on Wednesday in the Bausch & Lomb Championships. The match took just over an hour as the Frenchwoman, 21, defeated Singin, the 18th-ranked player in the world, not starting her home in at 6-0. "I was just happy to be here," said Pierce.



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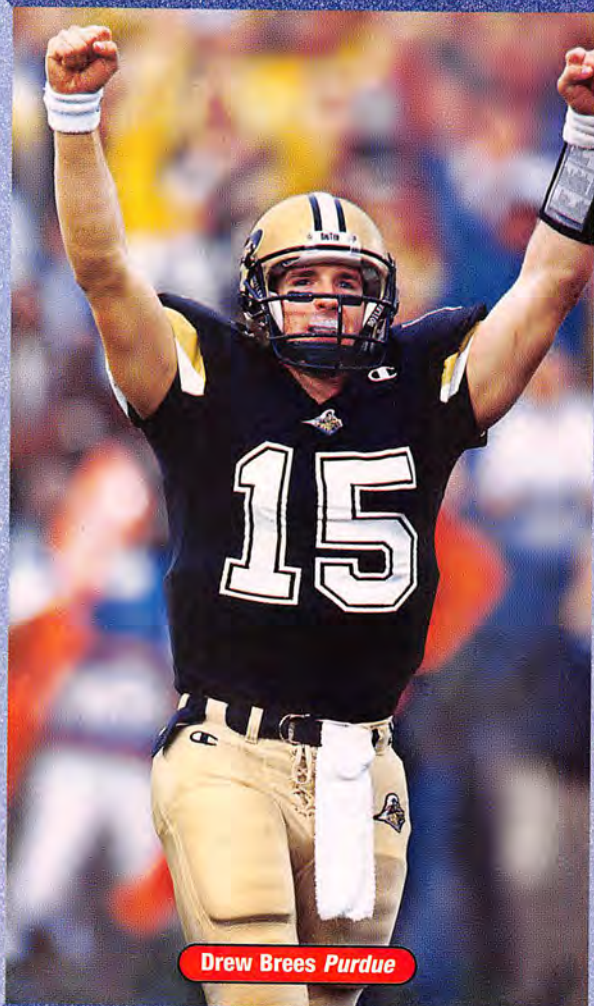
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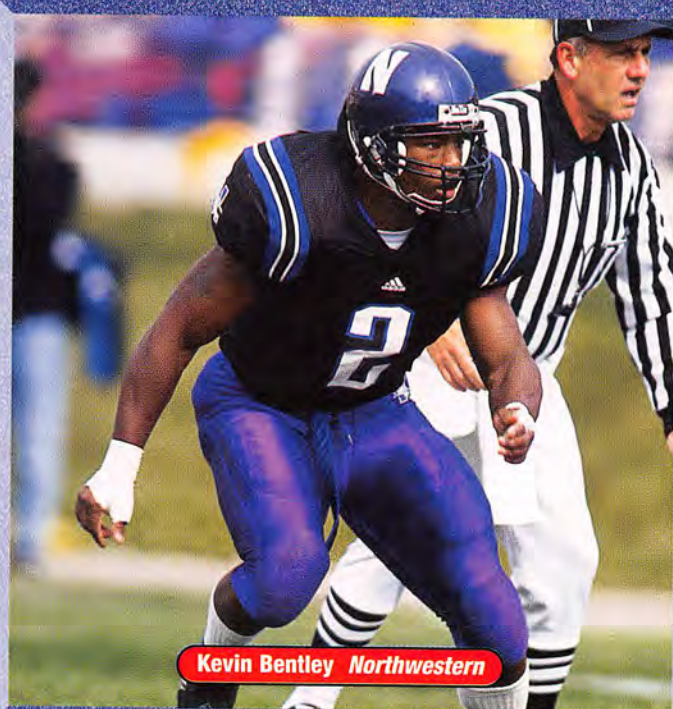
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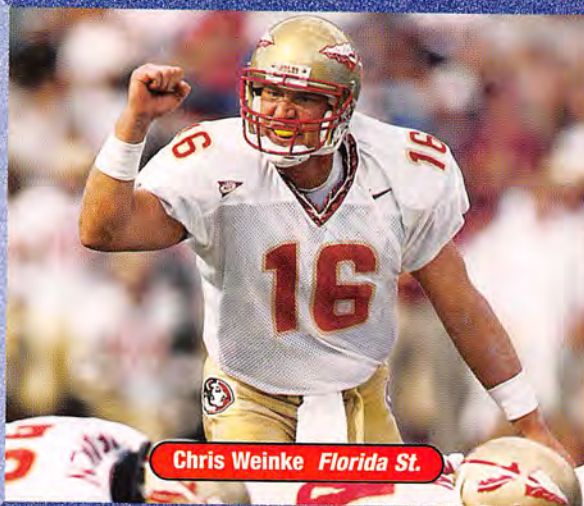
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Drew Brees *Purdue*



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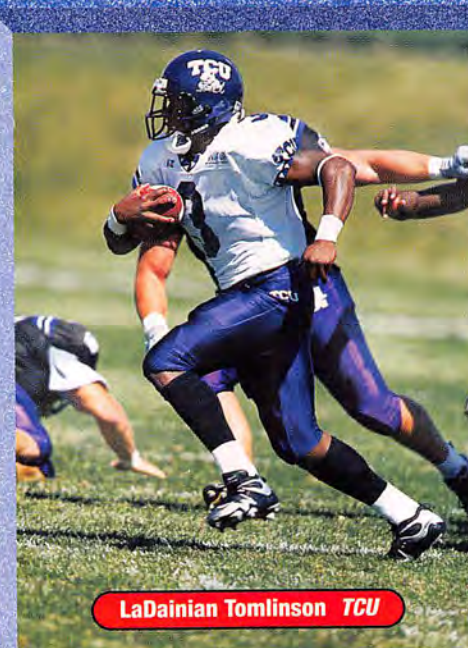
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FIRST TEAM

OFFENSE

- QB Drew Brees SR Purdue
- RB LaDainian Tomlinson SR TCU
- RB LaMont Jordan SR Maryland
- WR Latef Grim SR Pittsburgh
- WR Kelly Campbell JR Georgia Tech
- OL Ben Hamilton SR Minnesota
- OL Steve Hutchinson SR Michigan
- OL Leonard Davis SR Texas
- OL Dominic Raiola JR Nebraska
- OL Chad Ward SR Washington
- TE Todd Heap JR Arizona State
- PK Jeff Chandler SR Florida
- KR David Allen SR Kansas State

DEFENSE

- DL Karon Riley SR Minnesota
- DL Alex Brown JR Florida
- DL Andre Carter SR California
- DL Casey Hampton SR Texas
- LB Dan Morgan SR Miami
- LB Keith Adams JR Clemson
- LB Kevin Bentley JR Northwestern
- DB Antuan Simmons SR Southern Cal
- DB Jarrod Cooper SR Kansas State
- DB Jamar Fletcher JR Wisconsin
- DB Bennie Alexander JR Florida
- P Ray Cheetany SR UNLV

SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE

- QB Chris Weinke SR Florida State
- RB Anthony Thomas SR Michigan
- RB Ken Simonton JR Oregon State
- WR Arnold Jackson SR Louisville
- WR Freddie Milons JR Alabama
- OL Jeff Backus SR Michigan
- OL Tarlos Thomas SR Florida State
- OL Casey Rabach SR Wisconsin
- OL Kenyatta Walker JR Florida
- OL Dante Ellington SO Alabama
- TE Tim Stratton JR Purdue
- PK Jamie Rheem SR Kansas State
- KR Bobby Newcombe SR Nebraska

DEFENSE

- DL Willie Howard SR Stanford
- DL Jamal Reynolds SR Florida State
- DL Ennis Davis SR Southern Cal
- DL Justin Kurpeikis SR Penn State
- LB Tommy Polley SR Florida State
- LB Markus Steele SR Southern Cal
- LB Rocky Calmus JR Oklahoma
- DB Carl Nesmith SR Kansas
- DB Hakim Akbar JR Washington
- DB Ramon Walker SO Pittsburgh
- DB Kevin Curtis JR Texas Tech
- P Dan Hadenfeldt SR Nebraska

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: NORM HALL, TOMASSO DEROSA, DAVID L. GREENE, KEVIN REECE

ALL-AMERICA TEAM

HONORABLE MENTION

Quarterbacks

Michael Vick SO Virginia Tech
 Josh Heupel SR Oklahoma
 Eric Crouch JR Nebraska
 Dan Ellis SR Virginia
 David Garrard JR East Carolina
 Rashard Casey SR Penn State
 Antwan Randle El JR Indiana
 Carson Palmer SO Southern Cal
 Major Applewhite JR Texas
 Andrew Zow JR Alabama
 Marques Tuiasosopo SR Washington
 Dusty Bonner JR Kentucky
 Kurt Kittner JR Illinois
 Romaro Miller SR Mississippi
 David Neill JR Nevada
 Jason McKinley SR Houston
 Jay Stoner SR Wyoming
 Ortege Jenkins SR Arizona
 Patrick Ramsey JR Tulane
 Casey Printers SO TCU
 Brooks Bollinger SO Wisconsin
 Joey Harrington JR Oregon
 Mike Thiessen SR Air Force
 Jonathan Beasley SR Kansas State
 Quincy Carter JR Georgia

Running Backs

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 DeShaun Foster JR UCLA
 Travis Henry SR Tennessee
 Joe Gunn JR Mississippi
 Ricky Williams JR Texas Tech
 Avon Cobourne SO West Virginia
 Hodges Mitchell SR Texas
 Delvon Flowers SR Arizona State
 Eric McCoo JR Penn State
 Pat Conniff SR Washington
 Tony Fisher JR Notre Dame
 Kerry Carter SO Stanford
 Luke Staley SO BYU
 Derrick Nix JR Southern Miss
 T.J. Duckett SO Michigan State
 Dan Alexander SR Nebraska
 Cortlen Johnson JR Colorado
 Joe Igber SO California
 Larry Ned SR San Diego State
 Cedric Cobbs SO Arkansas
 Deon Burnett SO Washington State
 Deuce McAllister SR Mississippi
 James Jackson SR Miami
 Kevan Barlow SR Pittsburgh
 Brian Allen JR Stanford
 Cedric Washington SR Boston College

Wide Receivers

Santana Moss SR Miami
 Nate Poole SR Marshall
 Rod Gardner SR Clemson
 Quincy Morgan SR Kansas State
 David Terrell JR Michigan
 Freddie Mitchell JR UCLA
 Nick Davis JR Wisconsin
 Cedric Wilson SR Tennessee
 Keenan Howry SO Oregon
 Andre Davis JR Virginia Tech
 Terrence Edwards SO Georgia
 Antwone Savage SO Oklahoma
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 Antonio Bryant SO Pittsburgh
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 Kevin Coffey SR Virginia

Tight Ends

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 Brandon Manumaleuna SR Arizona
 Marcellus Rivers SR Oklahoma State
 Brian Natkin SR UTEP
 Alge Crumpler SR North Carolina
 Jerramy Stevens SO Washington
 Trent Smith SO Oklahoma
 Shawn Thompson JR Michigan
 Elliott Carson SR Vanderbilt
 Tracey Wistrom JR Nebraska
 Tony Stewart SR Penn State
 Martin Maurer SR Oregon State
 Bill Baber SR Virginia

Offensive Linemen

Kyle Young JR Clemson
 Brett Williams SO Florida State
 Randall Cummins SR Kansas State
 Dave Kadela SR Virginia Tech
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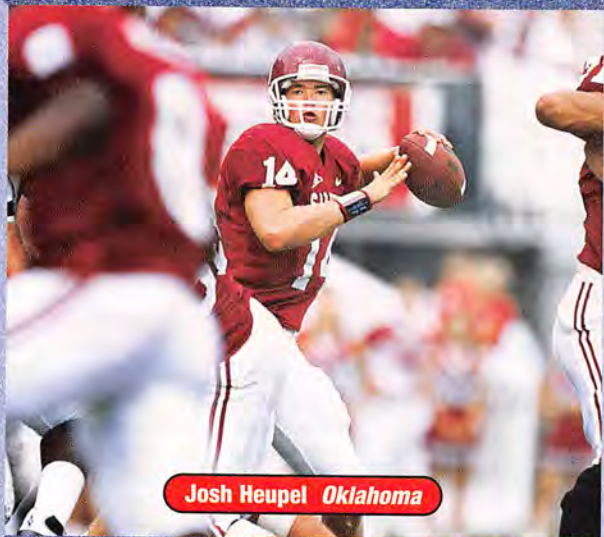
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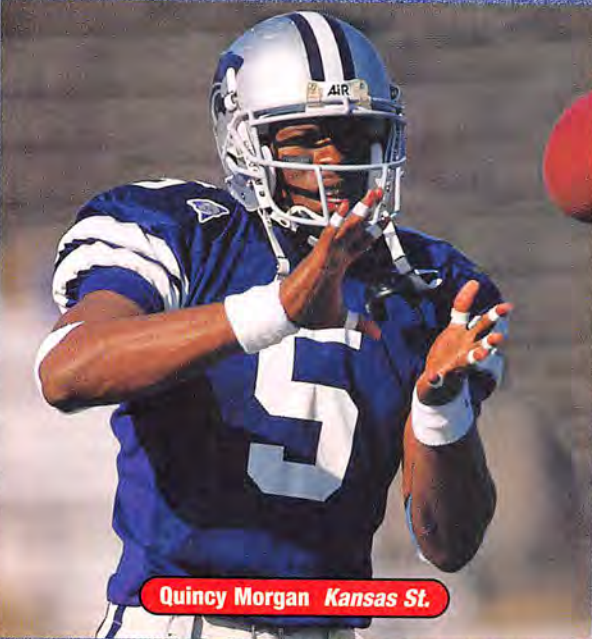
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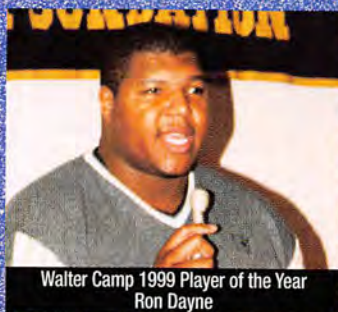
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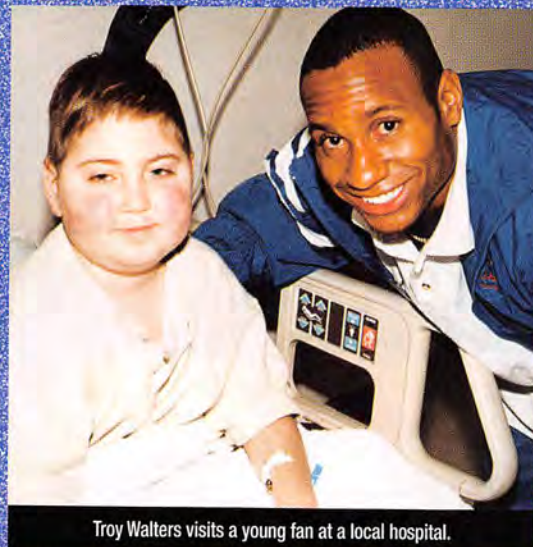
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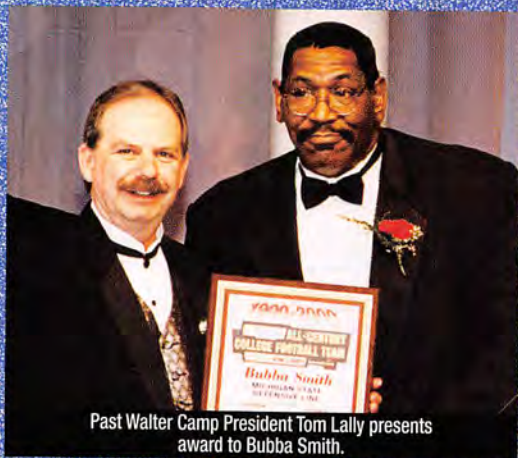
The 1999 award winners (l to r): Bobby Myers, Bo Schembechler, Bo Jackson, Ron Dayne, Gil Brandt and Frank Beamer.



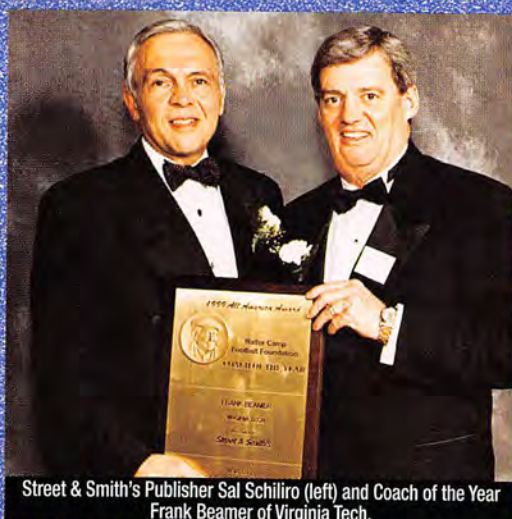
Walter Camp 1999 Player of the Year
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Troy Walters visits a young fan at a local hospital.



Past Walter Camp President Tom Lally presents
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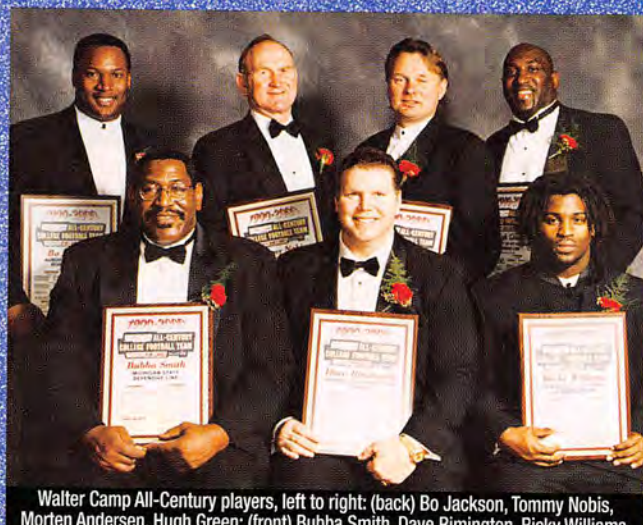
Street & Smith's Publisher Sal Schiliro (left) and Coach of the Year
Frank Beamer of Virginia Tech.



The Jaguars' mascot signs an autograph
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Courtney Brown, Bubba Smith, Troy Walters and Mark Simoneau (clockwise from lower left)
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Walter Camp All-Century players, left to right: (back) Bo Jackson, Tommy Nobis,
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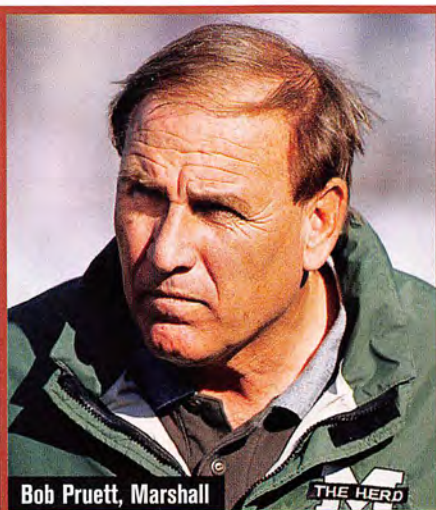


Virginia Tech quarterback Michael Vick streaks down the sidelines at the Sugar Bowl in the Hokies' valiant 46-29 loss to Florida State for the national championship.

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AMBITION

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Bob Pruett, Marshall



Jeff Bower, Southern Miss



Steve Logan, East Carolina

BY D. SCOTT SMITH
STREET & SMITH'S MANAGING EDITOR

CALL THEM THE JOHN MCCAINS of college football. They hail from outside the establishment, calling places like Hattiesburg, Huntington and Greenville home, with the simple ideas of Division I-A reform and beating the front-runners at the top of their agendas.

Like McCain, they wouldn't be considered dangerous if their campaigns didn't have some punch behind the message. In the case of Southern Mississippi, East Carolina and Marshall, that message was clear last season: We belong.

The former I-A have-nots all put together seasons that made the Nebraskas and Florida States take notice in 1999.

Marshall of the Mid-American Conference went undefeated (13-0), finishing in the Top 10, while Conference USA stalwarts Southern Miss and ECU each won nine games. The Golden Eagles placed 13th in the final USA Today/ESPN poll and the Pirates overcame a devastating flood in eastern North Carolina to win the hearts of college football fans everywhere. All three moved on to the bowl season.

Down in Ruston, Louisiana, another would-be McCain, Louisiana Tech, beat Alabama on the way to an 8-3 season behind the heroics of record-setting quarterback Tim Rattay.

All of the insurgents did it with visions of Tulane's perfect 1998 season (12-0) dancing in their heads. And they all took heart when Frank Beamer's long-underrated Virginia Tech Hokies were a quarter away from taking the national championship away from Bobby Bowden's Florida State Seminoles.

What's behind this sudden rise of democracy in college football? Heading into the new millennium, do all 114 teams truly

have a chance to make it to the mountain-top? If so, what is the formula?

'I can't drive 85'

THE MOMENTUM HAS BEEN BUILDING for parity since 1992, when the NCAA began phasing in a rule that limits all I-A schools to just 85 scholarships, thus preventing traditional powers like Nebraska from stockpiling athletes for the sake of stockpiling athletes. The scholarship limit was pared to 85 in 1995 and, as a result, it's apparent these days that the wealth is distributed more evenly now throughout college football. It's allowing the former nobodys to become somebods, provided they stay injury-free.

"At least I can coach Bobby Bowden's second team," says ECU coach Steve Logan. "The 85-scholarship limit is what's saving us."

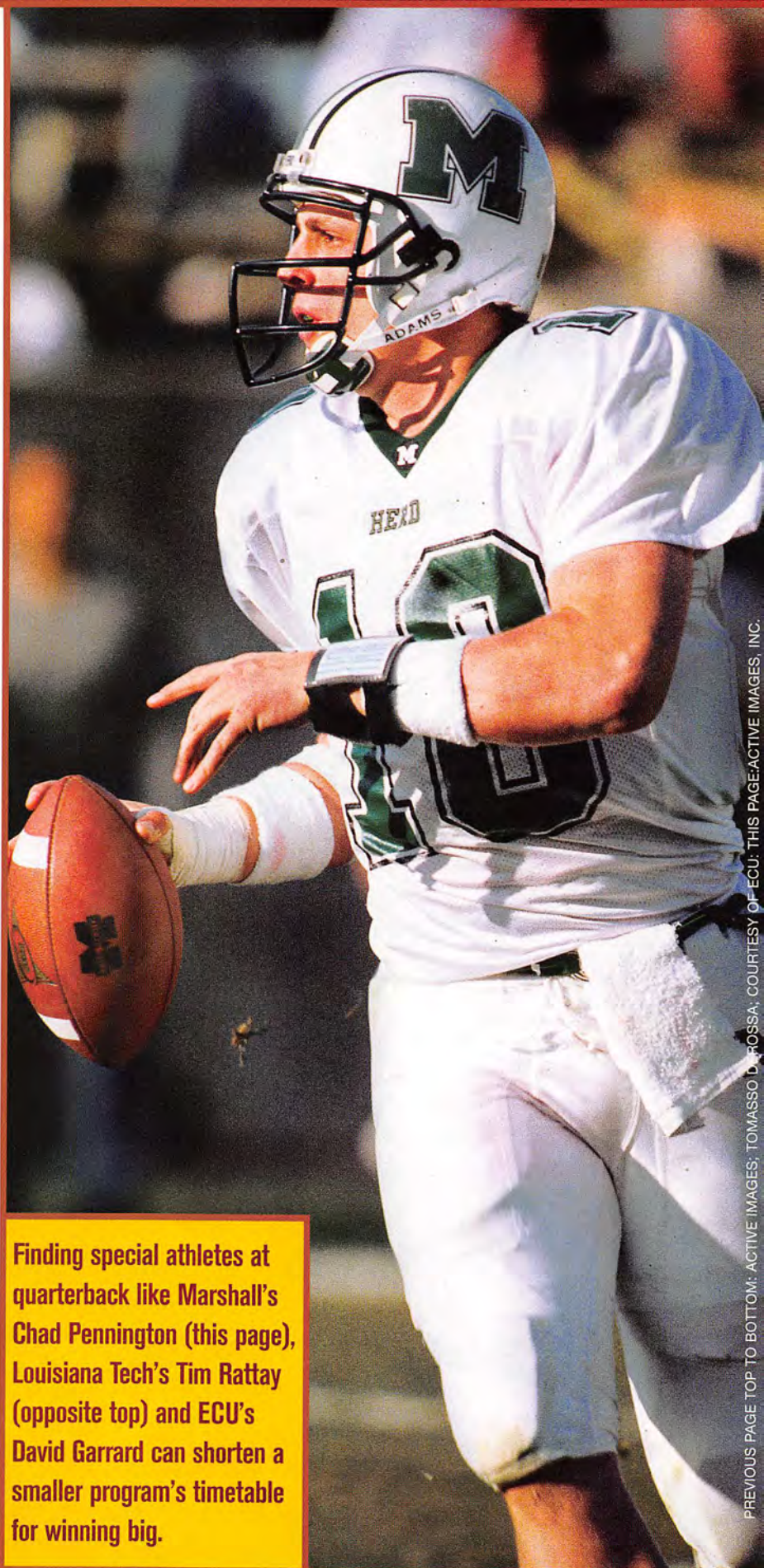
That limit now places a premium on pinpoint talent evaluation. If you have assistant coaches who can identify good players early and they pan out, like when Marshall offered a skinny kid named Chad Pennington his only I-A scholarship, it's very easy to accelerate the process of getting good in a hurry.

"You can't afford to miss on a prospect now," says Alabama-Birmingham coach Watson Brown, who formerly coached at Vanderbilt. "When I was at Vandy, you could sign 45 players a year, so if you missed on somebody it was no big deal. Now, if a player gets hurt, no one has someone of the same caliber behind them. That affects Nebraska now the same as it does us. It didn't before. Injuries can really hurt you now."

ESPN college football analyst Mike Gottfried knows what it's like to be one of the have-nots, having coached at Cincinnati in the early 1980s. "With 85 scholarships, you simply can't make a mistake (in recruiting) anymore, because you won't get it back," he says. "When I do these games, I'm shocked at the number of freshmen and sophomores who are playing at the big schools. They just don't have the numbers they used to."

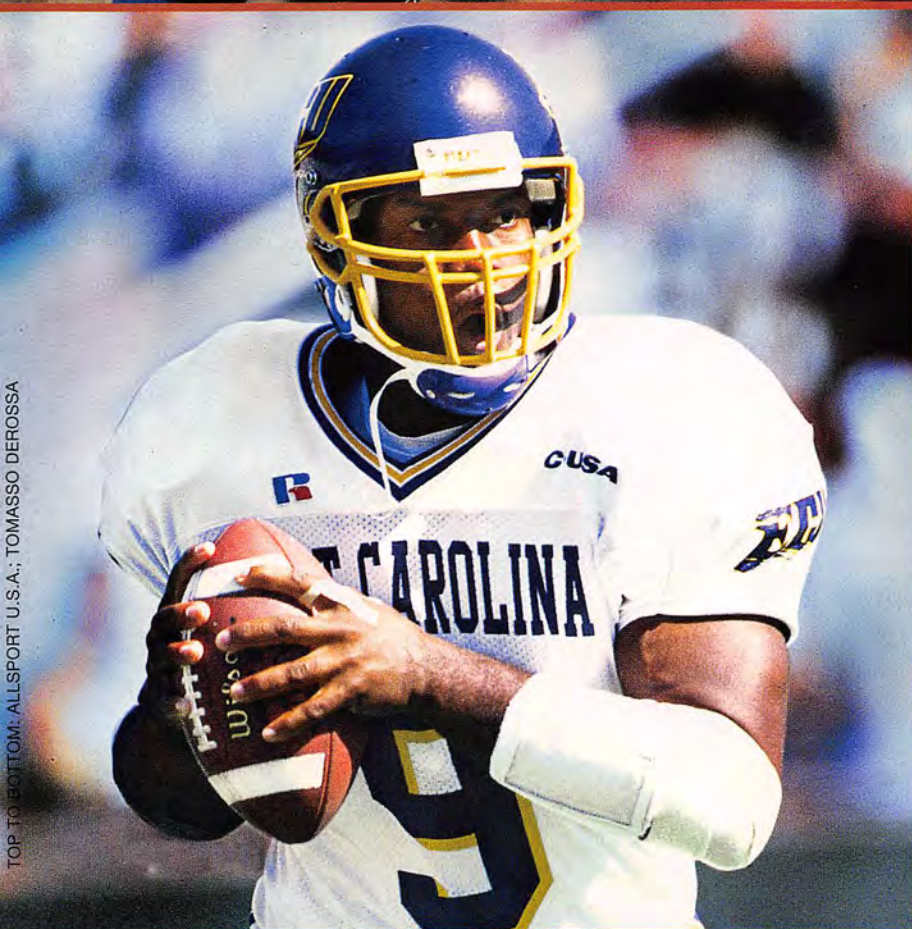
Finding that special 'slinger

IF YOU CAN FIND THAT SPECIAL GAME-breaking quarterback in the process of mistake-free recruiting, moving up the ladder is accelerated that much more. Marshall



Finding special athletes at quarterback like Marshall's Chad Pennington (this page), Louisiana Tech's Tim Rattay (opposite top) and ECU's David Garrard can shorten a smaller program's timetable for winning big.

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coach Bob Pruett offers the case of All-America quarterback Pennington, who went to Marshall as a scrawny 175-pound freshman and left last season as a 6-foot-3, 220-pound NFL first-round draft pick. After seeing Pennington at his summer football camp, Pruett was the only Division I-A coach to offer him a scholarship.

"There aren't a lot of those big offensive linemen out there, so what you have to do is go after the skill kids, the fast kids and find you a slinger at quarterback," Pruett says. "We've done a good job evaluating talent and found our niche in the kind of athlete we can get. What you do is hope your marginal players become good and your good players become great and hope they work to become better players like Chad did."

Logan, who will have preseason All-America candidate David Garrard running his offense this season, says he takes a very hands-on role in the selection of any potential ECU quarterback.

"If you've got a quarterback, you've got a chance, period," Logan says. "If you don't, you have to be Penn State or Nebraska and be able to hand the ball off. We absolutely cannot and will not make a mistake at quarterback."

Of course, getting that star gunslinger to commit to an ECU over a North Carolina or a Southern Miss over an Alabama is another matter. The McCains have several arguments at their disposal to convince top prospects that the promised land for college football doesn't always lead to Tuscaloosa or Tallahassee.

"If facilities won games, we'd be 0-11 every year," says Southern Miss coach Jeff Bower. "We tell people that if you want conference championships, we've won three rings (in five years). If you want to be in the Top 20, we've done that twice in the last three years. Pro football? Maybe the best player in the NFL, Brett Favre, played here at Southern Miss."

Playing time—more of it—is another factor. UAB's Brown says he preaches the gospel of being able to contribute right away to a program that is creating its own traditions. "Everything you do here is a first," he says.

Exposure is another factor. The powers that be don't have a corner on that market anymore. Conference USA schools are now able to sell recruits on three bowl tie-ins and a TV package with Fox Sports Net that will

put them in their family's living room most fall weekends. East Carolina has an exclusive deal with ESPN for a selected number of Thursday night games. Marshall even has its own television network.

Location, location, location

ALL OF THE ABOVE GIVE PROSPECTS reason to do something that has always been a desire of theirs: stay close to home if they can. That's where the old real estate line "location, location, location" comes into play. It's no accident that most of the McCains reside in the middle of fertile recruiting ground. For instance, Southern Miss is at the epicenter of the Deep South, perhaps the most productive area in the country for high school football talent. Mississippi has sent more players to the powerful Southeastern Conference than any other state over the past five years. Logan has been able to call eastern North Carolina his own, signing the top four players he targeted in that region last winter. UAB and Louisiana Tech also take good advantage of their back yards.

"We'll recruit Louisiana, Mississippi and the Florida panhandle and make a living on that," Bower says. "I just have my coaches split that area up and jump in the car and beat the bushes, and they've done a good job of evaluating players. This year we had five players in the Senior Bowl. That's more than Tennessee."

Independent Louisiana Tech, which must ratchet up its roster as it prepares to join the Western Athletic Conference in 2001, looks no farther than its home state and east Texas for new players.

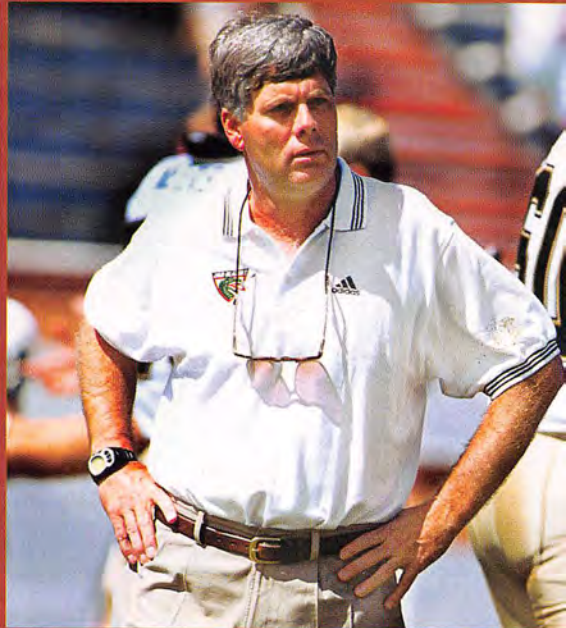
"It's a huge advantage not having to get on a plane to recruit," says Bulldogs coach Jack Bicknell III.

The grass isn't greener

AND ONCE THESE SCHOOLS GET THE players they want, their coaches seem to be finding good reason to stay put. Indeed, coaching stability is another factor that has increased the ability of these teams to challenge the traditional powers. Logan, Bower and Pruett have all been offered chances to make more money at other Division I schools in the last two years, but all three have concluded that they're better off where they are. Last winter, Logan



Coaches such as Marshall's Bob Pruett (top), Alabama-Birmingham's Watson Brown (middle), Jeff Bower of Southern Miss (bottom) and East Carolina's Steve Logan (opposite) see no reason why they have to leave places where they're happy in order to reach their goals these days.



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COURTESY OF ECU

turned down Texas Tech and Pruett turned away Houston while Bower sent several programs elsewhere to look for a coach. All three instances were statements that their schools are not steppingstones for coaches anymore, but places where you can be as successful as you want to be.

"Marshall, ECU and Southern Miss are not bad jobs," Pruett says. "If an offer comes, it's going to have to be very enticing (for Pruett to leave), because money isn't everything. There has to be something else that goes with that money."

Logan, who was offered double his current package at Texas Tech, says his decision to leave ECU for another job always comes down to one thing: whether it offers a better chance to win. So far, he says that opportunity hasn't presented itself.

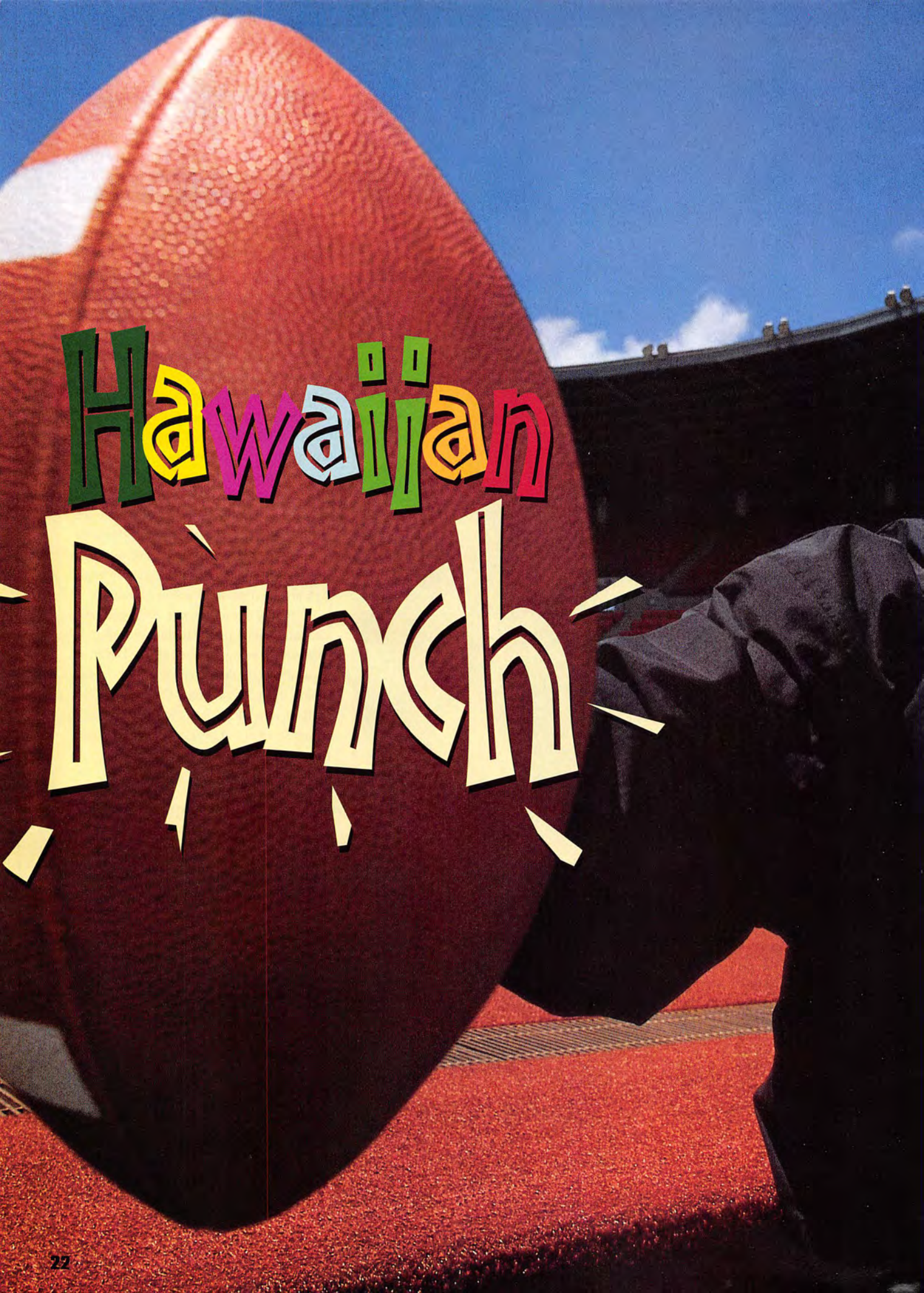
"Money is not the most important thing to me," Bower says. "If it had been, I would have been gone a long time ago. I love the quality of life here in Hattiesburg and believe I can be just as successful here as I can somewhere else. I just have to set my goals high and then go try to achieve them."

Whether these schools can reach the ultimate goal, a national championship, is debatable among their coaches. Logan is adamant that the deck continues to be stacked against them. He says until Conference USA is allowed to take part in the Bowl Championship Series or a playoff is developed, college football will not be a true democracy.

Being like Beamer

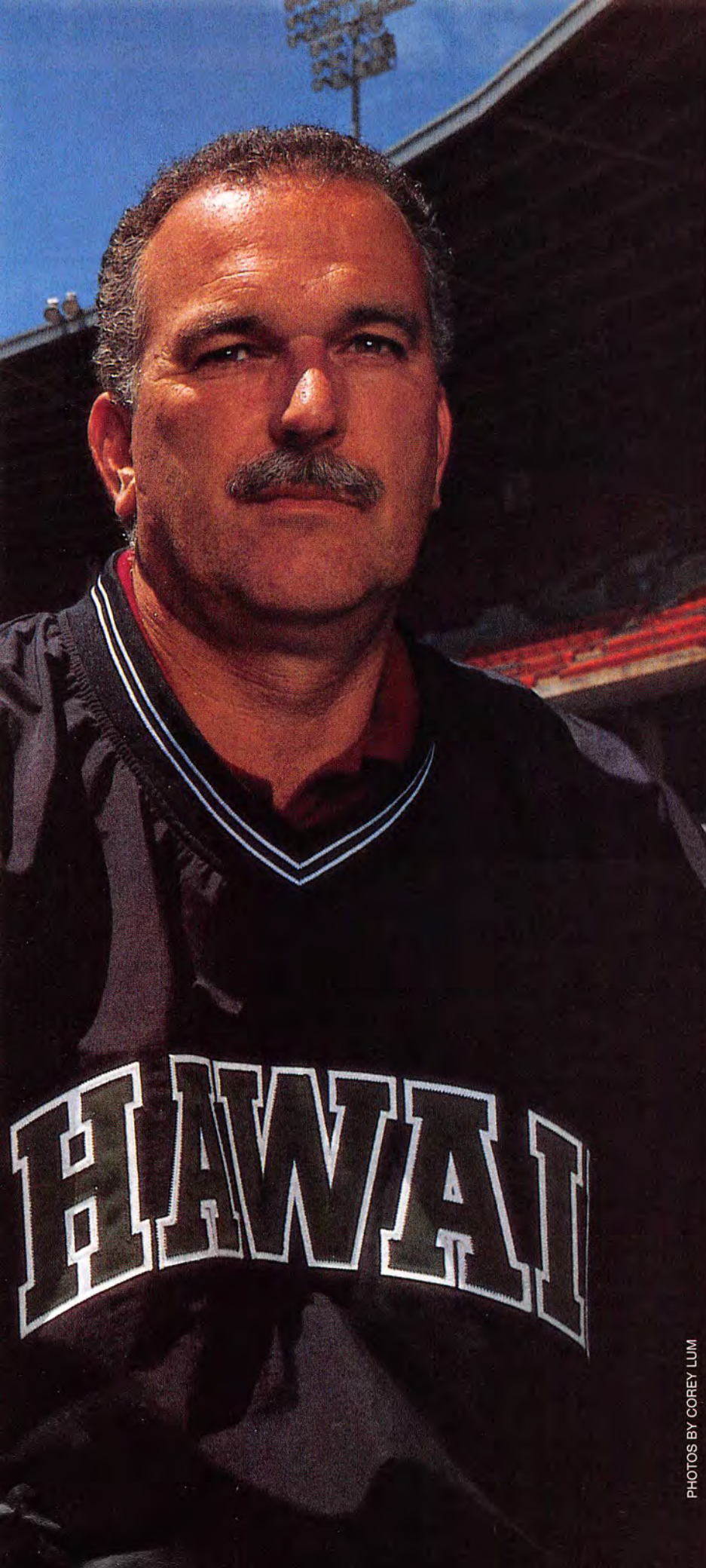
UNTIL THAT TIME, THE REFORMERS will continue to work hard, dream their dreams and believe that they may be the next Virginia Tech. Whether Hokie coach Frank Beamer knows it or not, he's a model for these coaches. Tech's march to the national championship game is now the roadmap to follow for all of college football's underprivileged programs. Provided they can get into the BCS, they all see the 1999 Hokies as the great example of what can happen in a true I-A democracy.

"We've watched Virginia Tech grow and copied them in so many ways," says UAB's Brown. "Frank Beamer stuck with a recruiting philosophy and a coaching philosophy and did not waver. He didn't do it overnight, but his plan finally came together and it worked for him. We get inspiration from that." ■



Hawaiian

Punch



No one expected June Jones' return to Hawaii to produce college football's next dynasty, but the former NFL head coach is out to prove that last year's dramatic turnaround was no fluke.

By Mike Kallay
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Doodling.

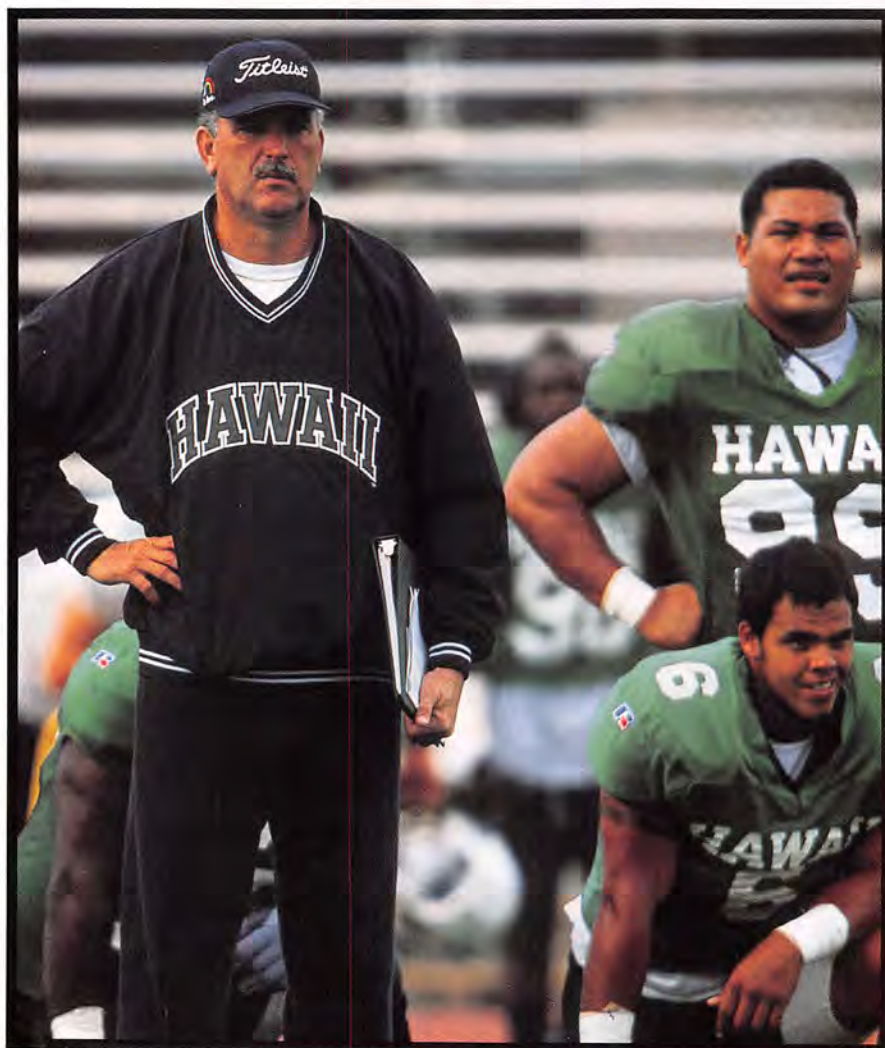
Yeah, that idle, time-whiling scribbling in which many people engage. It's basically harmless. But at least a few psychologists say it can be a sign of something more deep-seated, even—in the extreme—mental instability.

June Jones doodles, which he amply demonstrated during a recent interview in his small, cluttered office on the campus of the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Jones is entering his second season as head coach of UH's Rainbow Warriors, a position he accepted when he walked away from a reported four-year, \$3 million contract to move from "interim" to "permanent" head coach of the San Diego Chargers.

What he walked into at UH was, charitably, a disaster that had *already*

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happened. Arguably, the Rainbows were the worst team in NCAA Division I-A football, finishing 0-12 in 1998, when predecessor Fred vonAppen was axed (he was 5-31 over three seasons, including an 18-game losing streak and 23 consecutive Western Athletic Conference losses).

Should Jones the doodler—with over 15 years as a coach or player in professional football—be declared certifiable? “There were a lot of people who thought I was crazy,” Jones says with a straight face.

His coaching debut, before the first full house at 50,000-seat Aloha Stadium in seven years, saw the Rainbows consumed by Southern Cal, 62-7. Nineteen losses in a row, and counting. It appeared UH would live up to all the preseason predictions, including *Street & Smith's*: last.

Time for that straitjacket fitting? Not so fast.

Jones truly believed in his inherited ‘Bows, his uniquely constructed coach-

ing staff, the run-and-shoot attack he employed as coach of the Atlanta Falcons, the people of Hawaii—and in his ability to blend them into a winner.

“It’s all a matter of chemistry, the right chemistry,” he says.

Result: Jones and UH won eight of their remaining 11 regular-season games (ending the nation’s longest active I-A losing streak), were co-champions of the WAC, and defeated Oregon State to win the Jeep Oahu Bowl Christmas Day.

Mele Kalikimaka, Hawaii!

For his apparent “instability,” Jones was named Coach of the Year in the WAC, as well as being tabbed for the national honor by *The Sporting News*, *CNN/Sports Illustrated* and *American Football Coach* magazine. And he was named Islander of the Year by *Honolulu* magazine, a signature honor for any Hawaii resident.

All in all, not too shabby. The “doodler” done good. Very good, in fact. Not just for the University of Hawaii and

himself (Jones is quite self-effacing), but for a state that was desperately in need of a hero.

‘Governor Jones’

It’s hard to go anywhere in Hawaii and find anyone who has a bad word to say about him. Indeed, at season’s end, there was a “movement” to elect Jones governor. Governor Ben Cayetano, a 20-year-plus ‘Bows season-ticket holder, says the team “rejuvenated the spirit of the community.”

And it’s a community still in the throes of a decade-old economic recession with many villains and virtually no heroes.

Jones is a hero, so much so that if an election for monarch had been held in December, he might have been elected the first since Lili‘uokalani was deposed in 1893.

Does he have any political ambitions? “No way,” he says with a chuckle. “I have my hands full here.”

But just outside the office, sitting on a desk, is a boldly imprinted “Jones for Governor” T-shirt (there are thousands across Oahu) with what appears to be a petition of signatures on it. He simply gives it a dismissive shake of the head, a broad smile creasing his ruddy face.

Why *did* Jones decline another NFL top-kick gig for a troubled paradise collegiate program?

“I’ve lived in 18 cities in the last 20 years,” he says. “It’s like being in the military. ... I love Hawaii and the people. I’ve had friends here for years. It’s home.”

Home, indeed. It’s a word the 47-year-old native Oregonian used, and sincerely, repeatedly. He quarterbacked the then-independent Rainbows in 1973 and 1974—both winning seasons—and was coach of the team’s quarterbacks in ‘83, a WAC school that went 5-5-1.

There were other considerations, as well, the most important of which is implicit: his wife, Diane, who had a bout with lymphoma (now in remission), and their children, including only son June IV, now nine.

“Hawaii is a wonderful place to raise a family,” Jones says.

Home fires burning

Fact is, Jones—for all his years in the pros—had mapped a plan to return home, to UH specifically, in 1995. It

wasn't until vonAppen's termination that he had a shot. And—"timing" being what it so often is—it coincided with the Chargers' offer.

In a sense, it was an anguished decision for Jones ("They met my demands.") The flip side was just a leisurely stroll down the sideline.

Hawaii Athletic Director Hugh Yoshida and the selection committee met with Jones in San Diego December 8, 1998. The reported Chargers offer, base, was nearly double what the Rainbows could offer, base, and for a year longer (five years at \$320,000 each, plus game and team-academic-achievement bonuses).

After the session, says Jones, "Leigh Steinberg (his agent) said, 'June, this is the job you've wanted all your life.' That was it. ... Yes, I took a substantial pay cut. There were people who said I was crazy, but I wanted to come home."

And home is where he hopes to retire. But not any time soon. The "chemistry" Jones talks about includes other cliched words that managers in any field employ.

Building trust

Team, determination, plan, goals and the like. But in Jones' case, and at least for one remarkable year (it tied the NCAA record for best single-season turnaround), the words are powerfully accurate.

To achieve his general goal of being "a legitimate Top 20 team in three or four years," we're talking about a cast of scores being integrally involved. To wit:

- "On August 8 (1999), we had 55 new players running onto the field," Jones says. "We had a history of players staying with their own (class). ... We've made seniors spend time with freshmen. I don't like cliques."

- "We have a great coaching staff," Jones says, referring to the fact that the majority of Hawaii's top high school players have increasingly left for Mainland schools in the past decade. "I wanted coaches the players could trust and believe in. ... We have to believe in one another."

To that end, Jones has engaged the Rainbows with a cross section of coaching—and recruiting—talent from the NFL and the state, locally including men like Ron Lee, former offensive

coach of St. Louis High, a perennial Top 25 prep team nationally.

"Trust is always important," Jones says. "We can win. We're trying to build on it with the players, the coaches and the fans."

To that end, Jones is spending inordinate hours making speaking engagements to build fan support. His calendar is cluttered with "being-there-type" events. He assuredly "believes" in the fan base, which is even now shaky.

Jones notes that Rainbow football—easily the largest benefactor to UH's financially struggling athletics program—could use more student support from its substantially commuter enroll-

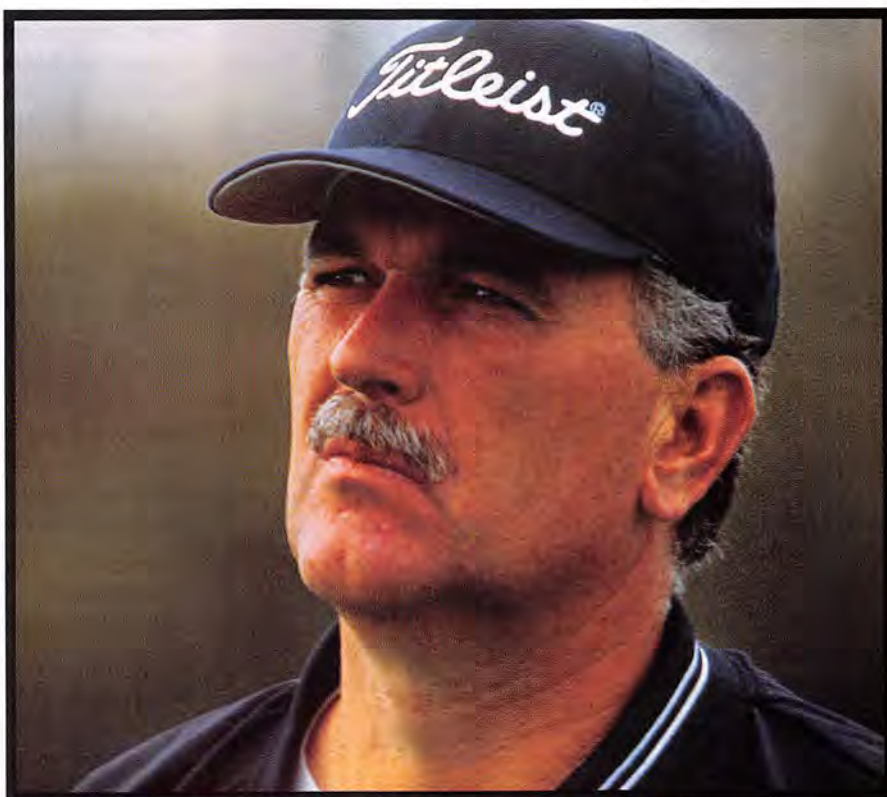
says, largely pointing to who's back from last year's WAC co-champ, with a broad smile broadening.

He looks toward rivalries in the "new" WAC (eight members broke off last year to form the upstart Mountain West Conference), not the least of which is Fresno State, which gave the 'Bows a double-overtime run in the last regular-season game, losing 31-24.

Scaring off the opposition

Ah, yes, then there's the now-resolved flap with the season opener against the University of Texas, which isn't to be.

After a weeks-long tiff—with some



ment. He emphatically calls community support "second to none."

"I'd like to see the north end (of Aloha Stadium) opened (free) to students with an I.D. card," Jones says, adding that there may be as few as 1,000 current students at 'Bows games. He says he'll work with A.D. Yoshida and other UH officials on that situation.

Jones appears to be building a bright future for UH, but what does he do for an encore in 2000?

Bottom line: Typical of a kahuna, he's not saying, but at least it's with a sly smile.

"We have a lot of potential," Jones

fairly heavy-duty rhetoric, mostly from Jones—the Longhorns formally backed out, at a price of \$100,000, payable to UH for the cancellation.

Jones smiles, yet again. "I just tried to incite them (Texas). My only real concern was for the team. I think they were cheated. And the fans."

So the season opens against Portland State, where—long ago and far away—Jones once played.

But that's OK. It's home. June Jones' place.

"So many people have said to me, 'Coach, thanks for coming home.' It's deeper than words. It's blood." ■

NATIONAL

by Scott Rabalais
The (Baton Rouge, La.) Advocate

Someone long ago coined the phrase "Less is more." Chances are, it wasn't John Heisman, Knute Rockne, Pop Warner or anyone else who was ever intimately involved with college football.

In this game's 130-year history, only the ball has gotten smaller. Only the field has stayed the same size. Meanwhile, players, stadiums and certainly coaches' salaries are constantly on the rise.

Less is more? Maybe in soccer, but not in this game. In college football more is more, bigger is always better and, say, how about an extra bucket of fried chicken for that tailgate party? If one is good, two has to be better.

If sports is a mirror of society, then college football may provide the best image of America's love of excess.

It isn't always a pretty picture. Just about every year a new bowl game or two crops up, though we question the wisdom of going down a road that will eventually reward any team that struggles to a 6-5 record.

Are we nearing the day when virtually every Division I-A game can be accessed by a web site, a network, a cable outlet or a satellite dish? There has to be a saturation point, doesn't there?

Not by the looks of the construction cranes hovering over some of the nation's largest (and growing larger) venues. Nor by the attendance records that college football collectively eclipses every year.

This game born in the 19th century certainly has its issues going into the 21st. Everyone not named Roy Kramer seems to despise the Bowl Championship Series. Gambling is a dark shadow, as it is for all of sports. Player conduct everywhere leaves a lot to be desired. And is there no way to muzzle Lee Corso?

But there's something almost mystically alluring about the thump of the first kickoff, even in the sizzle of late August or early September. With it comes the promise of chill-inducing fight songs, stadium blankets and leaves rustling across venerable campuses.

There's no way that less could be more when it comes to that.

TOP 25

1. Nebraska
2. Florida State
3. Alabama
4. Miami
5. Wisconsin
6. Michigan
7. Kansas State
8. Georgia
9. Florida
10. Virginia Tech
11. Texas
12. Tennessee
13. Illinois
14. Purdue
15. Southern California
16. Mississippi
17. Ohio State
18. Clemson
19. Washington
20. Penn State
21. Colorado
22. Michigan State
23. Oklahoma
24. Texas Christian
25. Southern Mississippi

The heirs apparent

These are the players who will try to replace some big cleats who left for the NFL Draft:

Penn State outside linebacker LaVar Arrington: JoePa will either look to junior **Ron Graham** (6-2, 247), who played both outside linebacker positions last year, or senior **Aaron Gatten** (6-1, 226), who redshirted in '99 because Arrington left so little playing time for others.

Wisconsin running back Ron Dayne: Junior **Michael Bennett** (6-0, 205) could be the fastest athlete in the Big Ten. He'll have to run very fast, indeed, to surpass the Great Dayne's 7,125 career yards.

Georgia Tech quarterback Joe Hamilton: Two-year understudy **George Godsey** gets the leading role in his junior year. He threw only 13 passes as a sophomore, but at least he still has highly sought offensive coordinator Ralph Friedgen giving him direction. A trio of redshirt freshmen is waiting if Godsey flubs his lines.

Notre Dame quarterback Jarious Jackson: Junior **Arnaz Battle** is the man. Literally. The Irish have no one else returning behind center. After starting the season with Texas A&M, Nebraska and Purdue, Battle may be looking for backup.

Virginia Tech defensive end Corey Moore: Redshirt freshmen **Nathaniel Adibi** (6-4, 220) and **Cols Colas** (6-1, 215) will try to replace the Lombardi and Nagurski award winner. But no one can replace that stare.

Florida State wide receiver/kick returner Peter Warrick: No lone Seminole can catch and return kicks like Warrick can, so it might take four. **Robert Morgan**, **Talman Gardner** and **Greg Moore** may all fill the void, though sophomore **Anquan Boldin** may emerge as the best.

Michael Bennett



PREVIEW

It'll take a forklift—or two

Two emerging trends in the game, circa 2000: (1) Cavernous stadiums crowned by lucrative luxury boxes to help pay for (2) coaches who rake in \$1 million-plus per year.

Here are the top five on-campus college stadiums in the country for 2000 (number of luxury boxes in parentheses):

1. **Michigan Stadium, Michigan:**
capacity 107,501 (0)
2. **Neyland Stadium, Tennessee:**
capacity 104,000 (110)
3. **Beaver Stadium, Penn State:**
capacity 93,067 (0)



Beaver Stadium

4. **Tiger Stadium, LSU:**
capacity 91,664 (70)
5. **Ohio Stadium, Ohio State:**
capacity 89,841 (0)

Also of note are Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum and the Rose Bowl, home of Southern Cal and UCLA, respectively. The Coliseum seats 92,000 while the Rose Bowl holds 94,000 for Bruins games. Both were built in an era of black-and-white movies, not stadium suites.

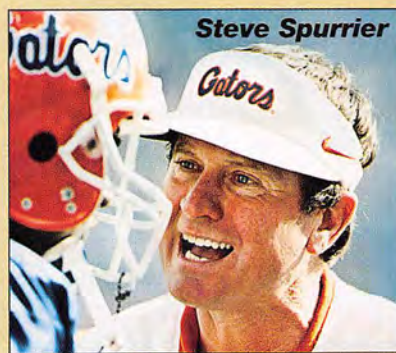
The list is sure to change almost every year. Already, Penn State has plans to enlarge Happy Valley by bringing capacity to 105,000 with 60 luxury boxes. And Ohio State plans to widen the Horseshoe to seat 96,000 fans (some of them cradled in 82 hospitality suites), both by 2001.

Show me the money

As more fans pass through the turnstiles, more money is getting diverted into the accounts of coaches at high-profile schools.

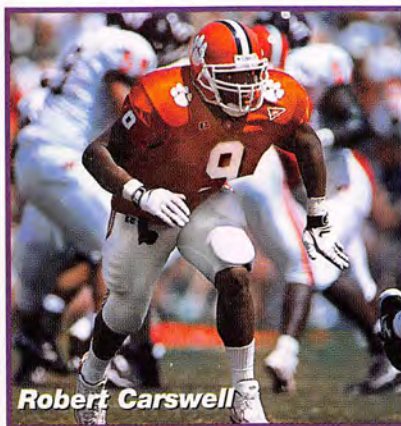
Here's a list of the highest-paid coaches in college football, as of press time, of course; remember, the meter is running:

Steve Spurrier, Florida	\$2 million
Nick Saban, LSU	\$1.2 million
Phillip Fulmer, Tennessee	\$1.05 million
Mack Brown, Texas	\$1 million
Bobby Bowden, Florida St.	\$1 million
John Cooper, Ohio St.	\$1 million
Rick Neuheisel, Washington	\$1 million
Bill Snyder, Kansas St.	\$1 million
Barry Alvarez, Wisconsin	\$1 million
R.C. Slocum, Texas A&M	\$1 million



Steve Spurrier

(Total packages for some coaches, like Penn State's Joe Paterno and Nebraska's Frank Solich, have never been released, but are believed to be in the seven-figure range.)



Robert Carswell

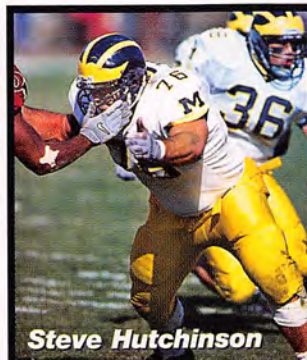
BALL HAWKS

These safeties have a knack for being in the right place:

Robert Carswell, Sr., SS, Clemson: Had 129 tackles and six interceptions as a junior.

Kevin Curtis, Jr., FS, Texas Tech: Wherever the ball goes Curtis is close by; he led the Big 12 with 153 tackles in '99.

Lamont Thompson, Sr., FS, Washington State: Has already picked off a school record-tying 14 passes. Good enough to play safety and corner.



Steve Hutchinson

Punching holes in the O-line

Michigan senior offensive guard **Steve Hutchinson**, one of the favorites for the Outland Trophy and Lombardi Award, is aiming to become just the second four-time all-Big Ten player in Wolverines' history.

Another O-line award possibility, junior center **Dominic Raiola** of Nebraska, has played every snap since he was a freshman, which is quite a feat considering the Cornhuskers stack redshirt linemen like firewood.

Heisman Decision 2000

The top candidates for the Heisman Trophy (in alphabetical order):

General Election

Drew Brees, Sr., QB, Purdue: May be the man to give the Boilermakers their first Heisman winner ever. Threw for 3,909 yards and 25 touchdowns last year. With 8,503 yards, is on pace to become Big Ten's all-time leading passer.

LaMont Jordan, Sr., RB, Maryland: Possesses a rare blend of size (5-11, 220) and speed, but may need a really super year to beat the quarterbacks to the Heisman. A bruiser who made a name for himself with 1,101 yards over a torrid final six weeks of the '99 season and 1,632 yards overall.

LaDainian Tomlinson, Sr., RB, Texas Christian: Outgained Ron Dayne with 1,850 regular-season yards. He may also follow Dayne's Heisman lead. Ran for 406 yards against UTEP and 300 against San Jose State. Just keeps going and going and going...

Michael Vick, So., QB, Virginia Tech: Eluding Florida State's swift defenders in the Sugar Bowl is the kind of heroic performance that wins Heismans. Threw for 1,840 yards and 12 touchdowns while rushing for 585 yards and eight scores.

Chris Weinke, Sr., QB, Florida State: When Weinke decided to return, Seminole stock in another national title run rose dramatically. Threw for 3,103 yards and 25 touchdowns and one national title. Not bad for a guy on the downhill slide toward 30.

Primary contenders

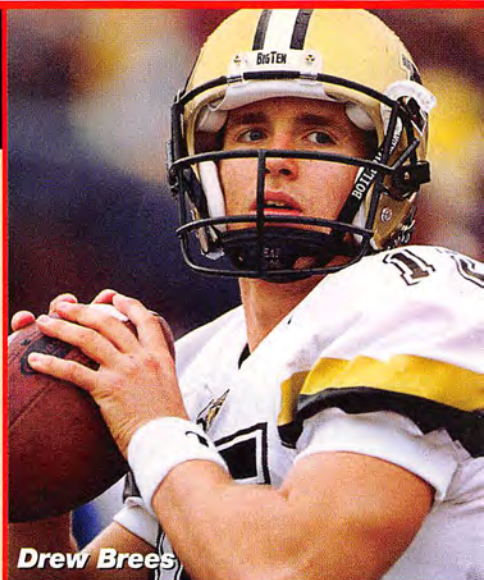
Deuce McAllister, Sr., RB Mississippi: Running or catching, McAllister is a constant threat, as his 1,692 all-purpose yards in '99 attest.

Ken Simonton, Jr., RB, Oregon State: Another rusher/receiver cum laude, this 5-7 dynamo ran for 1,329 yards and caught 18 passes as a sophomore.

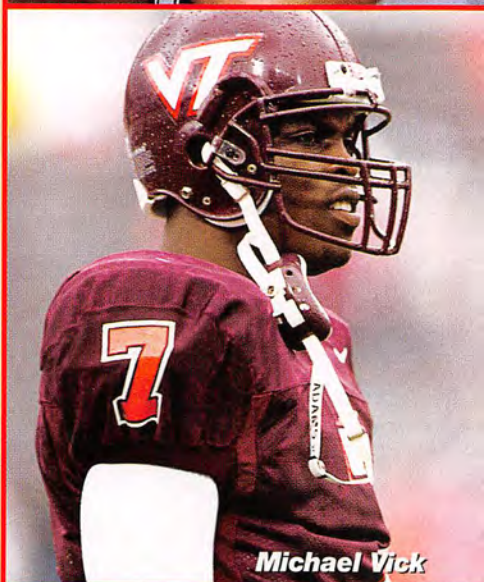
Anthony Thomas, Sr., RB, Michigan: Great talent and an imposing offensive line will have Thomas making a run at lots of hardware.

Straw Poll participants

Quincy Carter, Jr., QB, Georgia; **Eric Crouch, Jr., QB, Nebraska.**



Drew Brees

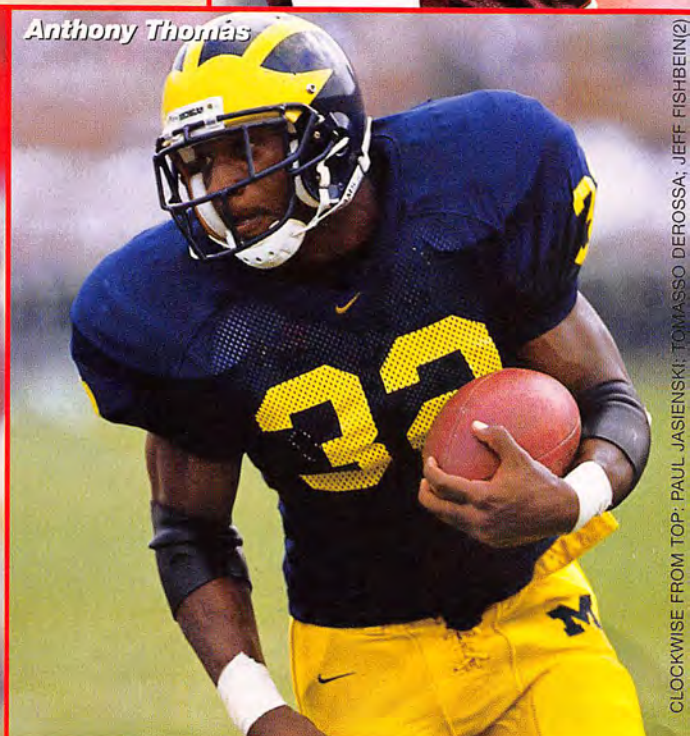


Michael Vick



LaMont Jordan

Anthony Thomas



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: PAUL JASIENSKI; TOMASSO DEROSA; JEFF FISHBEIN(2)

Thrill Seekers

Expect these players to make the most thrilling plays when the ball is in the air this season:

Rod Gardner, Sr., Clemson: First 1,000-yard receiver in Tiger history with 80 catches for 1,084 yards and four scores.

Rod Gardner



Freddie Milons, Jr., Alabama: An electrifying do-it-all receiver/kick returner in the David Palmer mold. SEC defensive coordinators aren't thrilled.

Quincy Morgan, Sr., Kansas State: Averaged a school-record 24 yards per catch as a junior with 1,007 yards and nine scores on just 42 receptions.

David Terrell, Jr., Michigan: Collected 71 catches for 1,038 yards and seven touchdowns as a sophomore.

Others to watch: Javon Green, Sr., Colorado; Margin Hooks, Sr., Brigham Young; Santana Moss, Sr., Miami.

The best players you haven't heard enough of...yet

Kurt Kittner, Jr., QB, Illinois:

Made a big splash in the Big Ten last year with 2,702 yards and 24 touchdowns with just five interceptions.

Marques Tuiasosopo, Sr., QB, Washington:

Equal parts passing, running threat. Against Stanford last year was first quarterback ever to throw for 300 yards (302) and rush for 200 (207) in the same game.

T.J. Duckett, So., RB, Michigan State:

Rushed for 606 yards and 10 touchdowns in a backup role last year. Looks to have NFL star potential.

Others to watch:

Dusty Bonner, Jr., QB, Kentucky;

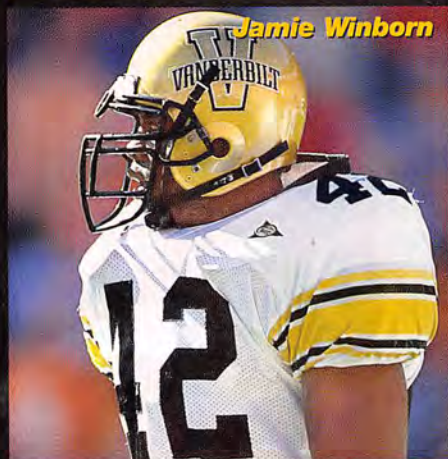
Antwaan Randle El, Jr., QB, Indiana



Kurt Kittner



Alex Brown



Jamie Winborn

DEE-FENSE

These players are the early possibilities for the Bronko Nagurski Award, which goes to the nation's best defensive player:

Keith Adams, Jr., LB, Clemson: Last year's ACC defensive MVP may be a force in the NFL very soon. But first, one more year stuffing college offenses.

Alex Brown, Jr., DE, Florida: Could be the most terrorizing defensive lineman in the country. Needs to go all-out all the time. His 13 sacks in '99 were a Gator record. Recorded 39 "big plays" like forced fumbles, quarterback pressures and even two interceptions.

Wendell Bryant, Jr., DT, Wisconsin: A quick, agile athlete whom other teams were quick to double-team last season. One of every four solo tackles is for a loss. Had 48 tackles as a sophomore, including a team-best seven quarterback sacks.

Carlos Polk, Sr., LB, Nebraska: A constant disruptive force with great lateral movement. The Cornhuskers will need Polk at his best to make a title run.

Justin Smith, Jr., DE, Missouri: A great physical specimen, has 178 tackles in two years and a school record-tying eight sacks in '99.

Dan Morgan, Sr., LB, Miami: A steady performer and a great run-stopper. Has piled up 379 tackles his first three years.

Jamie Winborn, Jr., LB, Vanderbilt: Quick, smart, likes to hit. Had 141 tackles (23 for loss) to crack some All-America teams last year. Could make more in 2000.

Jamar Fletcher, Jr., CB, Wisconsin: With five interception returns for touchdowns off the likes of Drew Brees, Kurt Kittner and Cade McNown, Fletcher can defend the very best.

Others to watch: Andre Carter, Sr., DE, California; Casey Hampton, Sr., DT, Texas; Brandon Spoon, Sr., LB, North Carolina.

Das Booters

Favorites for the Lou Groza Award
(the nation's top kicker):

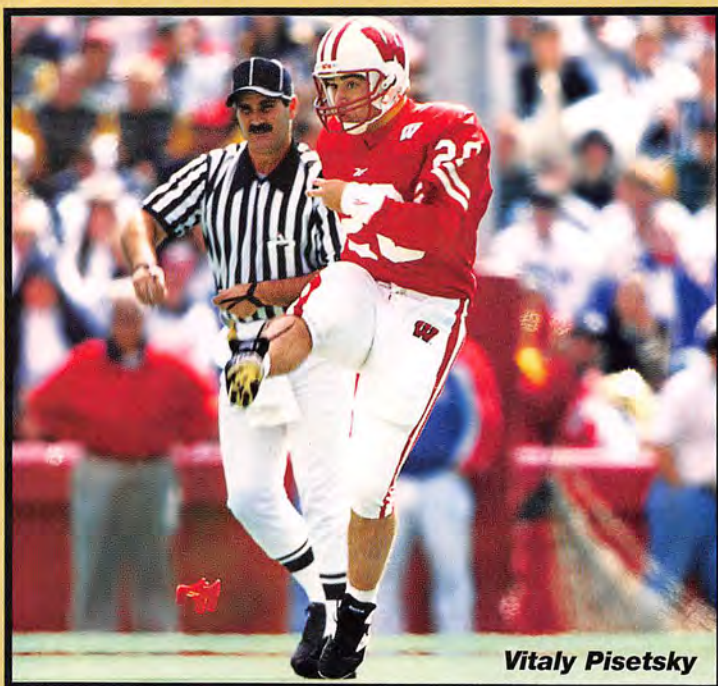
Jeff Chandler, Sr., Florida: Kicked well enough last year (21 of 24 field goals, 38 of 41 extra points) to earn the Gators' offensive MVP honors.

Vitaly Pisetsky, Sr., Wisconsin: Made 16 of 20 field goals last year, including 14 straight.

Owen Pochman, Sr., Brigham Young: Made 18 of 25 field goals, 36 of 38 extra points and 80 percent of his kickoffs were touchbacks.

Jamie Rheem, Sr., Kansas State: Was 18 of 21 kicking field goals and 41 of 43 on extra points, including a 57-yarder.

Ryan White, Jr., Memphis: Made 13 of 19 field goals last year and is 47 of 47 over two years on extra points.



Vitaly Pisetsky

The notable and nonsensical of College Football 2000

◆ This season's Bowl Championship Series national championship game will be played January 3, 2001, at the Orange Bowl. The Rose Bowl will get the No. 1 vs. No. 2 showdown in January 2002.

◆ **Joe Paterno** needs seven victories to surpass Paul "Bear" Bryant's Division I-A record of 323 career wins. Paterno, who at age 73 enters the first season of a new five-year contract this year, is 317-83-3; Bryant was 323-85-17.

◆ After his Gamecocks went 0-11 last year, South Carolina coach **Lou Holtz** worked on improving his team with off-season sessions of sumo wrestling. "I wonder why we haven't done this the last 26 years," Holtz said. A wonder, indeed.

◆ Wisconsin placekicker **Vitaly Pisetsky**, a Russian immigrant, is only one of the best kickers in this country because he appealed to the NCAA to come back for his senior season. Pisetsky was short on English credits, but buckled down, graduated in December and the NCAA withdrew its "nyet."

◆ **Tom Osborne** rarely lost in November when he was head coach at Nebraska.

Though now in retirement, the Nebraska Republican is a five-touchdown favorite again this November to win election to the U.S. House of Representatives.

◆ With trips to face Florida State, Virginia, Air Force and Syracuse, Brigham Young will log 10,874 air miles this season, more than any team this side of Hawaii.

◆ While on the subject of Hawaii and air travel, Hawaii coach **June Jones** was calling the Texas Longhorns a bunch of yellow-bellied sidewinders after Texas replaced a September 2 season opener on the islands with a home date against Nevada-Las Vegas.

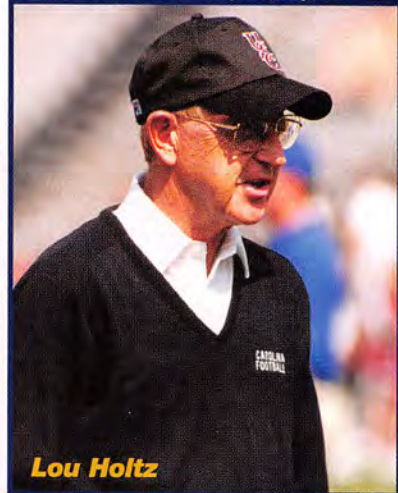
Texas cited the high cost of chartering halfway across the Pacific, though the Longhorns did come up with a \$100,000 buyout. Jones said Texas was scared of his Rainbow Warriors, who went 9-4 last year after losing 18 straight in a previous administration.

"I've never known a Texan to back down from a fight before," Jones grouched.

The Hula Bowl followed up by uninviting Texas coach **Mack Brown** (born in Cookeville, Tennessee) from coaching in the postseason Honolulu all-star game. ■



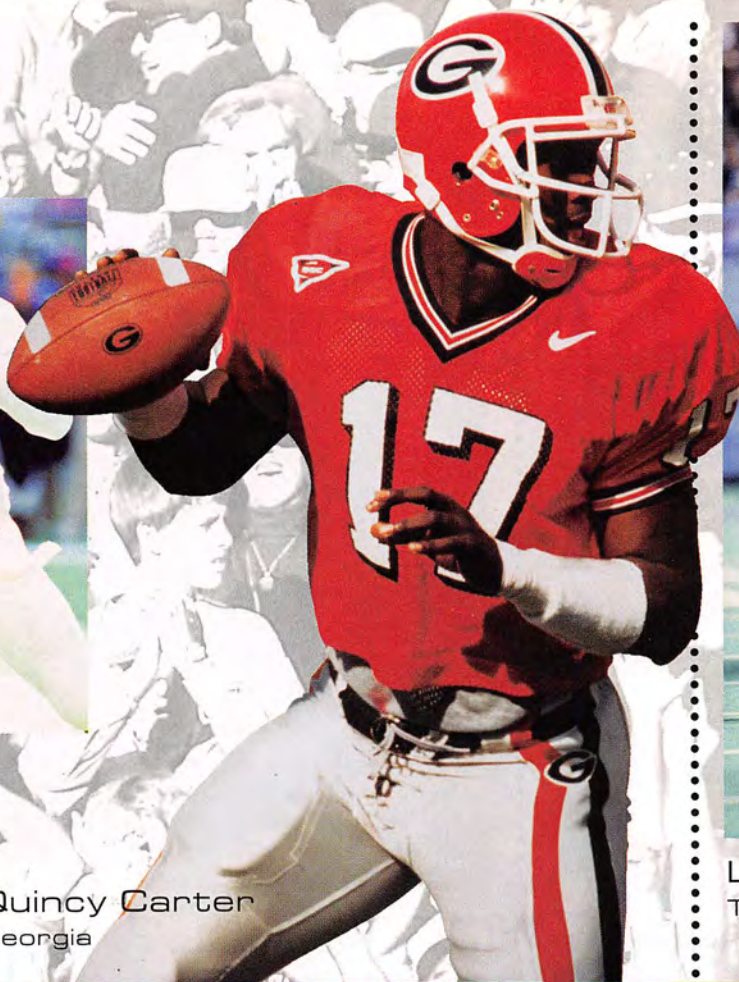
Joe Paterno



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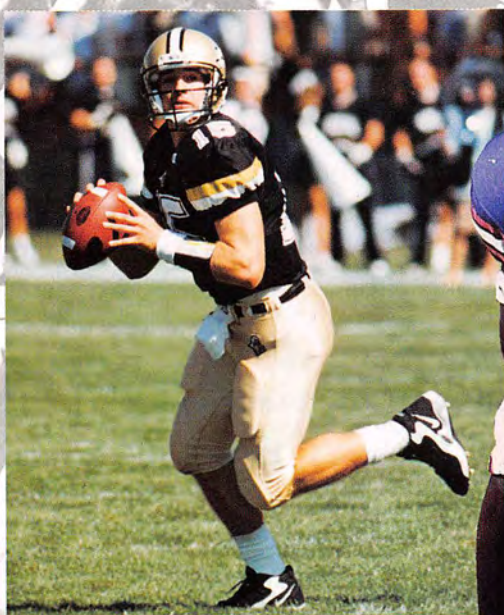


Quincy Carter
Georgia

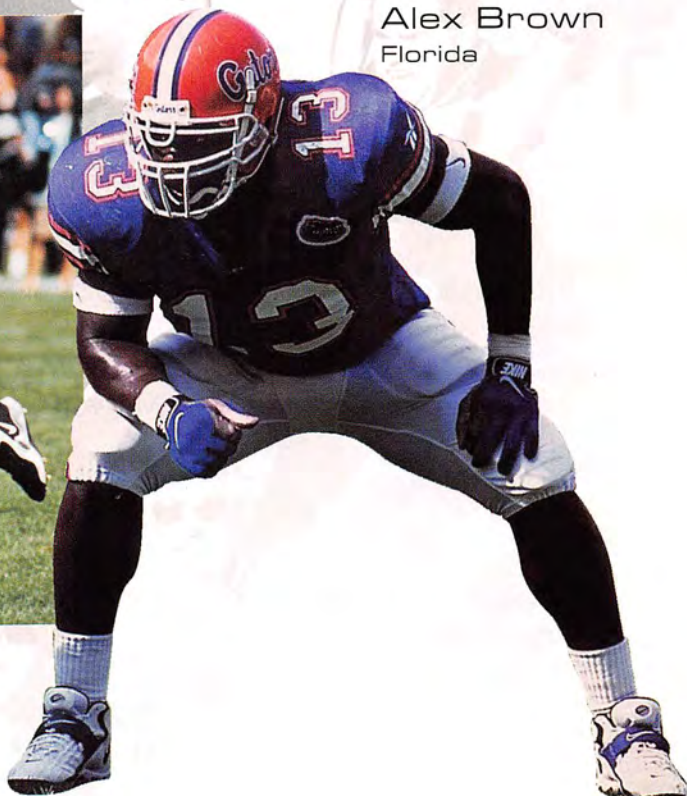


LaDainian Tomlinson
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Drew Brees
Purdue



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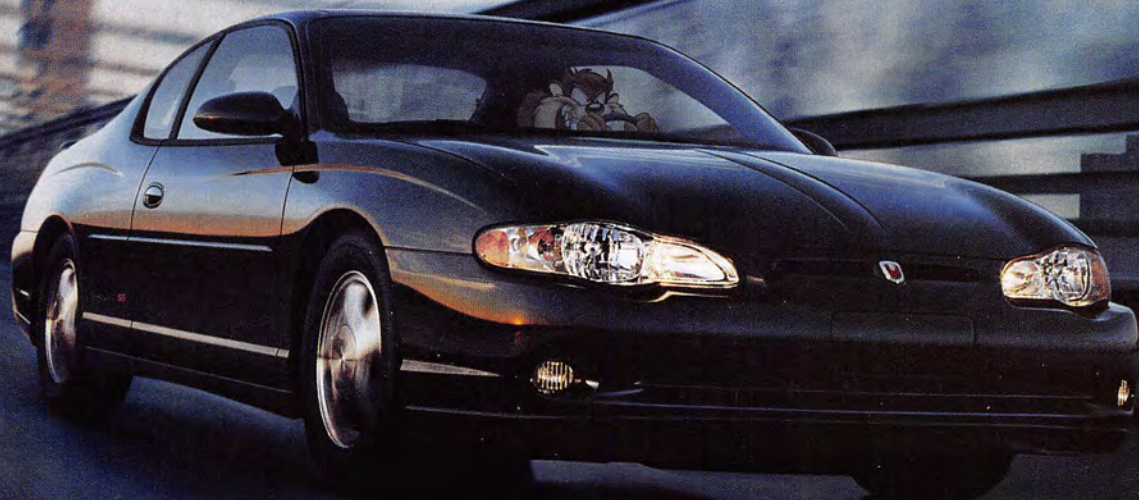
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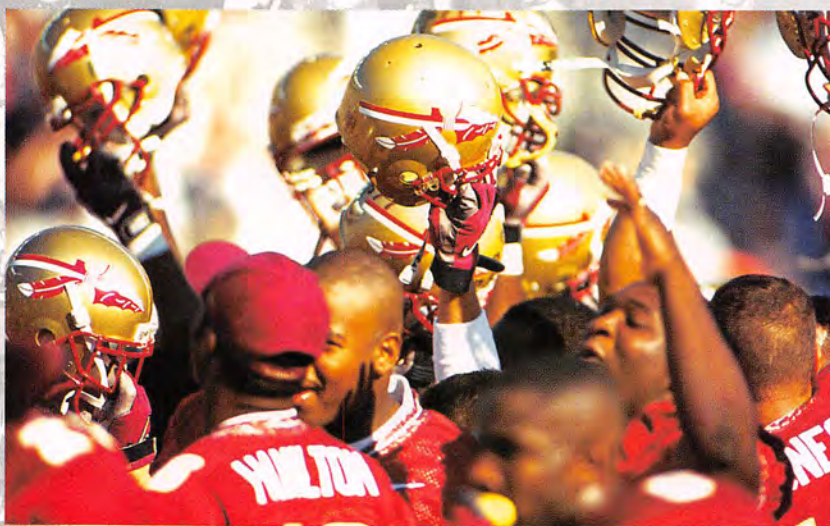


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Team of the Decade

Florida State, which finished the 1990s with two national titles, also had the best winning percentage of any Division I-A team during the decade. The Seminoles posted a 109-13 record (.893 winning percentage), followed by Nebraska (108-16-1, .868), Florida (102-22-1, .820), Marshall (114-25, .820) and Tennessee (99-22-2, .813).

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Underclassmen Overachieving

Seven of the top 10 passers in Division II last season were underclassmen, led by Eric Miller of Bloomsburg (Pa.) University, who completed 63.3 percent of his passes, threw for more than 2,500 yards and 25 touchdowns.



Eric Miller
Bloomsburg (Pa.)

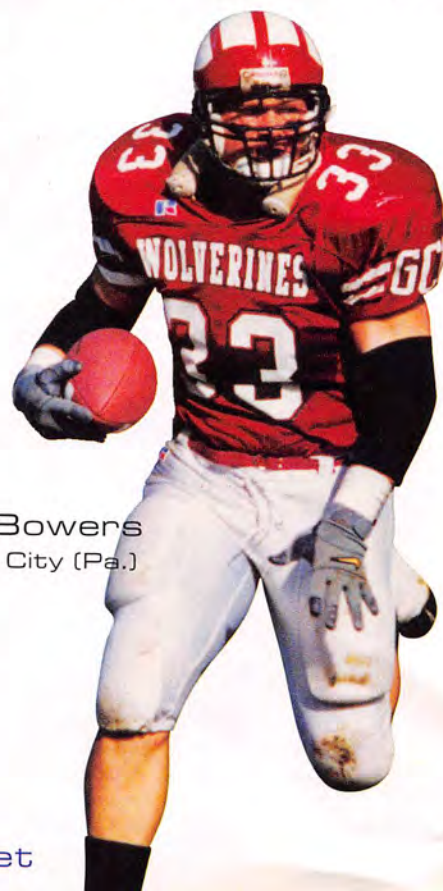
Bowers Top-Rated Rusher

R.J. Bowers from Division III Grove City (Pa.) was the top rated rusher last season, averaging 209.8 yards per game to go along with 25 touchdowns.

WAC Re-Alignment

The Western Athletic Conference will have a different lineup of teams for the third straight season. First the league lost members last season when eight teams jumped ship to the Mountain West Conference. This season the remaining eight WAC members will be joined by Nevada for a nine-team league. In 2001 the conference will gain two schools (Louisiana Tech, Boise State) and lose one school (TCU to Conference USA).

R.J. Bowers
Grove City (Pa.)



Paterno Sticking Around

Penn State head coach Joe Paterno apparently is not going anywhere soon. He has signed on for an additional five years, taking his contract through the 2004 season. This season Paterno should pass Alabama's legendary coach Paul "Bear" Bryant for most victories by a major-college coach. Paterno enters the season with 317 career victories, trailing Bryant by just six wins.



Joe Paterno
Penn State

by Steve Richardson



Division I Expands by One

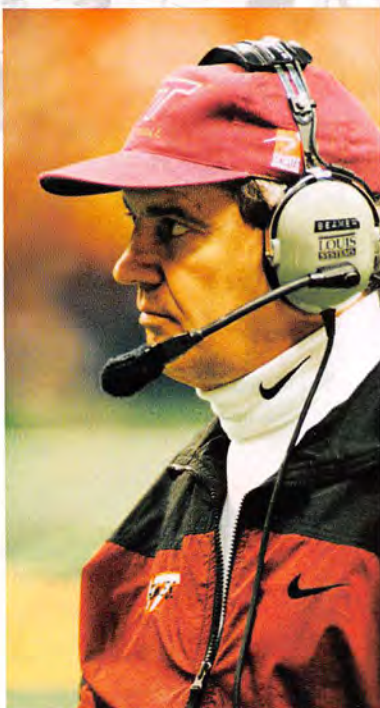
Connecticut is known as a men's/women's basketball powerhouse in the Big East Conference, but now the school is jumping into big-time college football for the first time. On its way to joining the Big East in football, the Huskies will play eight I-A opponents this coming fall. A Division I-AA football power for several years, the school will be a Division I-A independent until it becomes a full-fledged Big East football member in 2005.



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Frank Beamer
Virginia Tech



Consistent Virginia Tech

Virginia Tech coach Frank Beamer says the consistency his program has shown over the years is as gratifying as playing for the national championship. "We have been to seven straight bowls and that's what we are looking for," said Beamer. "Most everybody who is at Virginia Tech is proud of the fact that we are not up one year and down the next."

Rolling Thunder

Mid-American champion Marshall, which defeated Brigham Young in the Motor City Bowl, owns the longest current winning streak in Division I-A. The Thundering Herd has won 18 straight games after completing a Division I-A best 13-0 record in 1999.

Conference USA Welcomes New Members

Conference USA will welcome TCU in 2001 and increase to 10 football-playing members. South Florida is preparing for a move to Division I-A in 2001 and an eventual Conference USA membership. The Bulls will play an independent in 2001 and 2002, then join the conference in 2003.

Rainbows Make History

Last season Hawaii completed the greatest turnaround in Division I-A history, going from 0-12 in 1998 to 9-4 in 1999. After losing its season opener, the Rainbows won eight of their next 10 games, topped off with a 23-17 victory over Oregon State in the Oahu Bowl.

I-A Coaching Changes

There were 14 head coaching changes in Division I-A going into the 2000 season, down from 20 going into 1999. During the past 10 seasons, the lowest coaching change total going into a season was nine (entering 1997). The most high-profile head coaching debuts this season will be Dana Dimel (Houston), Nick Saban (LSU), Mike Leach (Texas Tech) and Chuck Amato (North Carolina State). Leach was an assistant coach at Oklahoma and Amato was an assistant at Florida State before arriving at their current jobs. Dimel moved from Wyoming to Houston and Saban from Michigan State to LSU.

by Steve Richardson

Bob Pruett
Marshall





Michael Vick, Virginia Tech—

The second-year quarterback earned his 2000 Heisman trophy campaign during the Hokies' 46-29 loss to Florida State in the Nokia Sugar Bowl last January. Vick passed for 225 yards and rushed for 97 yards.

"The pressure he puts on defenses is unbelievable," said Florida State head coach Bobby Bowden. "I knew he was good, but I didn't know he was that darn good."

Santana Moss Miami (Fla.)

Drew Brees, Purdue—

The Boilermaker threw for more than 3,500 yards in his junior season.

"He's not gifted athletically, he's gifted intellectually," said Michigan head coach Lloyd Carr. "He makes such great decisions. There's nothing he can't do."

LaDainian Tomlinson, TCU—

Tomlinson led Division I-A in rushing last season with 168.2 yards per game. He also set a Division I-A single-game rushing record with 406 yards on 43 attempts against UTEP last season.

"L.T. is a combination of a lot of different backs," said TCU head coach Dennis Franchione. "He has power. He has elusiveness. And he has speed."



Santana Moss, Miami (Fla.)—

Moss was an All-Big East selection last season with 900 receiving yards. The senior wide receiver should be a leading candidate for the Biletnikoff wide receivers award.

DeShaun Foster UCLA

Quincy Carter, Georgia—

Carter led Georgia to the SEC total offense crown in 1999. In his first two seasons, the junior signal-caller has passed for nearly 5,200 yards. That's better than Peyton Manning, John Elway and Dan Marino at that stage in their college careers.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

NCAA FOOTBALL 2000

by Steve Richardson

Alex Brown, Florida—

Among one of the top defensive players in the country, Brown led the SEC last season in sacks (13) for more than 100 yards in losses. He may be the most spectacular defensive player in the country.



Marques Tuiasosopo, Washington—

Tuiasosopo set a Husky single-season total offense record in 1999 with 2,762 yards. His intangibles as a team leader are what set him apart.

Freddie Milons, Alabama—

The junior flanker, who caught a school-record 65 passes for 733 yards, was the SEC Championship game MVP and is an early season candidate for the Heisman.

Antwaan Randle El, Indiana—

Randle El is one of college football's most explosive quarterbacks. He is the first IU quarterback to tally four 100-yard-plus rushing games in a career.



Deuce McAllister Mississippi

DeShaun Foster, UCLA—

Foster was hampered by an ankle injury most of last season. He has the talent to become UCLA's next great tailback if he remains healthy.

Deuce McAllister, Mississippi—

McAllister led the SEC in all-purpose yardage in 1999. He is the first legitimate Heisman trophy candidate at Mississippi since Archie Manning in 1970.

Freddie Milons
Alabama

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Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award

QB Joe Hamilton, Georgia Tech,
5-10, 189, Sr.

The Atlantic Coast Conference's all-time touchdown passing leader. He owned virtually all the Georgia Tech school passing records as well. Beat teams with run or pass and was among the national leaders in pass efficiency. Quick and unpredictable in his ability to disguise developing run options.

Joe Hamilton
Georgia Tech



Heisman Trophy, Doak Walker Running Back, Maxwell Award

RB Ron Dayne, Wisconsin,
5-10, 253, Sr.

Dayne claimed the Heisman trophy, Doak Walker and Maxwell awards. He was the all-time leading rusher in Division I-A history, surpassing Texas' Ricky Williams' total in his last regular-season game at Iowa. Dayne reached 1,000 yards rushing faster in 1999 than any of his first three years. And he sat out six quarters.

Biletnikoff Receiver Award

WR Troy Walters, Stanford, 5-8, 175, Sr.

He was the most prolific pass receiver in Pacific-10 conference history, owning league records in receiving yards, career receptions and longest pass play (98 yards). Among national leaders in receiving yards per game, all-purpose yards and number of receptions all season, Walters keyed Stanford's winning season.

Butkus, Bednarik Award

LB LaVar Arrington,
Penn State, 6-3, 233, Jr.

Two-year starter who was a highlight film for big plays and won the Butkus Award given to the nation's best linebacker and also the Bednarik Award given to the best defensive player in college football.



LaVar Arrington
Penn State

Jim Thorpe Award

DB Tyrone Carter, Minnesota, 5-9, 184, Sr.

The talented strong safety set the NCAA Division I-A career record for tackles by a defensive back. "I have never seen a secondary guy make as many hits as he does," said Wisconsin coach Barry Alvarez. Carter set Minnesota records for punt return yards in a game and in a season.

1999 AWARDS

NCAA FOOTBALL 2000

Lou Groza Kicker Award

K Sebastian Janikowski, Florida State, 6-2, 255, Jr.

Janikowski claimed the Groza Award, given to the best kicker in college football. One of the strongest kickers in college football history, he can scold his lineman for not blocking well and back up his words. Led country after the regular season with 2.09 field goals made a game. Janikowski left school a year early and was selected 17th in the first round of the NFL Draft by Oakland.

Mike Fox Bronko Nagurski Trophy, Lombardi Award

DE Corey Moore, Virginia Tech, 6-0, 210, Sr.

He claimed the Mike Fox Bronko Nagurski Trophy, given to the nation's best defensive player. He also won the Lombardi Trophy, given to the best lineman in college football. A native of Brownsville, Tennessee, Moore belies his small town origins by making big headlines with what he says and how he plays. Moore was the leader of a Hokie defense which ranked first in the Big East and among the top 10 teams nationally in every defensive statistical category.

Chris Samuels
Alabama



by Steve Richardson

Outland Trophy

OT Chris Samuels, Alabama, 6-6, 291, Sr.

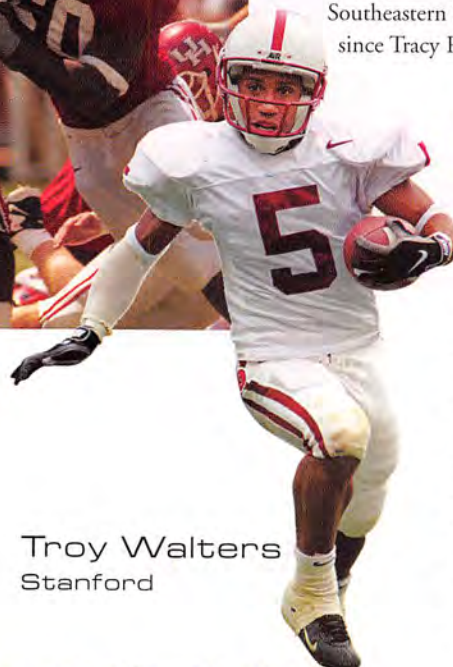
He became the first player from Alabama to win the Outland Trophy, given to the best interior lineman in college. He was the first player from the Southeastern Conference to win the award since Tracy Rocker of Auburn in 1988.

Eddie Robinson/FWAA Coach of Year Award

Head coach Frank Beamer

Coach Beamer, of once-beaten Virginia Tech, was named the third recipient of the Eddie Robinson/FWAA Coach of the Year Award. Beamer led the Hokies to the national title game before losing to Florida State in the 2000 Nokia Sugar Bowl. Beamer won the award in balloting by more than 800 members of the Football Writers Association of America.

Troy Walters
Stanford



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NCAA DIVISION I-AA

Quarterfinals
December 4

N.C. A&T 3
at Youngstown St. 41

Florida A&M 17
at Troy St. 10

Illinois St. 37
at Hofstra 20

Massachusetts 21
at Ga. Southern 38

Semifinals
December 11

Florida A&M 24
at Youngstown St. 27

Illinois St. 17
at Ga. Southern 28

Championship
December 18

Chattanooga, Tennessee
Ga. Southern 59
Youngstown St. 24

NCAA DIVISION II

Quarterfinals
November 27

Catawba 25
at Carson-Newman 28

Northeastern St. 19
at UC Davis 14

Indiana (Pa.) 26
at Millersville 21

Northwest Mo. St. 41
at Northern Colo. 35

Semifinals
December 4

Northeastern St. 7
at Carson-Newman 42

Indiana (Pa.) 12
at Northwest Mo. St. 20

Championship
December 11

Florence, Alabama
Northwest Mo. St. 58
Carson-Newman 52 (4OT)

NCAA DIVISION III

Quarterfinals
December 4

Mount Union 56
at Ohio Northern 31

Rowan 42
at Montclair St. 13

Pacific Lutheran 19
at St. John's (Minn.) 9

Hardin-Simmons 33
at Trinity (Tex.) 40

Semifinals
December 11

Rowan 24
at Mount Union 17 (OT)

Pacific Lutheran 49
at Trinity (Tex.) 28

Championship
December 18

Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl
Salem, Virginia
Pacific Lutheran 42, Rowan 13

A.J. Peterson
Georgia Southern

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

NCAA FOOTBALL 2000

1999-2000 Bowl Games

Las Vegas (Las Vegas, Nev.)
Dec. 18
Utah 17, Fresno St. 16

Alamo (San Antonio, Texas)
Dec. 28
Penn St. 24, Texas A&M 0

Insight.com (Tucson, Ariz.)
Dec. 31
Colorado 62, Boston College 28

Gator (Jacksonville, Fla.)
Jan. 1
Miami (Fla.) 28, Georgia Tech 13

Heritage (I-AA) (Atlanta, Ga.)
Dec. 18
Hampton 24, Southern U. 3

Music City (Nashville, Tenn.)
Dec. 29
Syracuse 20, Kentucky 13

Sun (El Paso, Texas)
Dec. 31
Oregon 24, Minnesota 20

Florida Citrus (Orlando, Fla.)
Jan. 1
Michigan St. 37, Florida 34

Mobile (Mobile, Ala.)
Dec. 22
TCU 28, East Carolina 14

Holiday (San Diego, Calif.)
Dec. 29
Kansas St. 24, Washington 20

Liberty (Memphis, Tenn.)
Dec. 31
Southern Miss. 23, Colorado St. 17

Rose (BCS) (Pasadena, Calif.)
Jan. 1
Wisconsin 17, Stanford 9

Aloha (Honolulu, Hawaii)
Dec. 25
Wake Forest 23, Arizona St. 3

Humanitarian (Boise, Idaho)
Dec. 30
Boise St. 34, Louisville 31

Independence (Shreveport, La.)
Dec. 31
Mississippi 27, Oklahoma 25

Orange (BCS) (Miami, Fla.)
Jan. 1
Michigan 35, Alabama 34 (OT)

Oahu (Honolulu, Hawaii)
Dec. 25
Hawaii 23, Oregon St. 17

Micronpc.com (Miami, Fla.)
Dec. 30
Illinois 63, Virginia 21

Cotton (Dallas, Texas)
Jan. 1
Arkansas 27, Texas 6

Fiesta (BCS) (Tempe, Ariz.)
Jan. 2
Nebraska 31, Tennessee 21

Motor City (Pontiac, Mich.)
Dec. 27
Marshall 21, Brigham Young 3

Peach (Atlanta, Ga.)
Dec. 30
Mississippi St. 17, Clemson 7

Outback (Tampa, Fla.)
Jan. 1
Georgia 28, Purdue 25 (OT)

Sugar (BCS) (New Orleans, La.)
Jan. 4
Florida St. 46, Virginia Tech 29



1999 Div. I-AA Home Football Attendance

Rk	Team	G	Attend	Avg.	Avg. (+ or -)
1	Jackson St.	6	173,600	28,933	14,656
2	Yale	5	137,592	27,518	14,112
3	Southern U.	5	128,671	25,734	3,021
4	South Fla.	7	175,371	25,053	-2,090
5	N. C. A&T	6	131,726	21,954	5,986
6	Portland St.	5	103,603	20,721	14,062
7	Delaware	6	122,229	20,372	1,215
8	Tennessee St.	5	97,588	19,518	2,435
9	Montana	6	112,378	18,730	385
10	Florida A&M	4	73,654	18,414	1,061

NCAA ATTENDANCE

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1999 Division II Home Football Attendance

Rk	Team	G	Attend	Avg.	Avg. (+ or -)
1	Tuskegee	4	53,342	13,336	66
2	Morehouse	4	47,532	11,883	0
3	Presbyterian	5	58,760	11,752	9,402
4	North Dakota St.	6	68,457	11,410	-180
5	Winston-Salem	7	67,355	9,622	3,283
6	Albany St. (Ga.)	3	25,348	8,449	1,022
7	Neb.-Omaha	5	40,500	8,100	1,940
8	North Dakota	6	46,880	7,813	121
9	Northwest Mo. St.	6	44,950	7,492	542
10	Pittsburg St.	5	36,860	7,372	322

1999 Division III Football Home Attendance

Rk	Team	G	Attend	Avg.	Avg. (+ or -)
1	Mount Union	5	28,717	5,743	1,947
2	St. John's (Minn.)	5	28,075	5,615	-947
3	Emory & Henry	5	27,090	5,418	-761
4	Mississippi Col.	6	30,058	5,010	-98
5	Baldwin-Wallace	4	17,730	4,433	-178
6	Rowan	4	16,700	4,175	2,274
7	Williams	4	16,523	4,131	-298
8	Ithaca	5	20,458	4,092	446
9	Trinity (Conn.)	4	16,028	4,007	386
10	Wash. & Jeff.	5	19,300	3,860	3,142

1999 Division I-A Home Football Attendance

Rk	Team	G	Attend	Avg.	Avg. (+ or -)
1	Michigan	6	666,049	111,008	44
2	Tennessee	7	747,870	106,839	-75
3	Penn St.	7	675,503	96,500	-31
4	Ohio St.	7	654,192	93,456	-46
5	Georgia	6	516,702	86,117	499
6	Florida	6	512,960	85,493	195
7	Alabama	7	582,563	83,223	553
8	Texas	6	496,036	82,673	5,232
9	Auburn	7	566,333	80,905	-206
10	Notre Dame	7	560,084	80,012	0



More than 111,000 fans piled into Michigan Stadium for each Wolverines' home game in 1999.

NCAA college football attendance added nearly two million new fans in 1999, and home attendance exceeded the 39 million mark for the first time in history, bolstered once again by attendance at Division I-A games.

The 601 NCAA football teams posted a 1999 attendance total of 39,482,657 for all four divisions, a record jump of 1,991,477, surpassing the previous record of 37,491,078 set in 1998. It was the biggest jump in one year since 1978, when only NCAA teams were counted.

It also was the sixth consecutive year that college football attendance surged upward. The previous record for improvement was 1,591,352 in 1994.

Division I-A totaled a record 29,032,973 home fans, an average of 43,593 per game, and a jump of 1,358,756 in total attendance from the previous mark, set last year.

Home-game attendance in Division I-A accounted for almost 75 percent of the 1999 national totals. The continuing climb in attendance, despite a proliferation of televised games, is tied to better marketing, expanded stadiums and the excitement generated by the college game. In fact, the statistical trend heading into the new millennium is the exciting passing game in college football. Televised college football games, brought about by conference television packages, appear to have increased fan support and recognition rather than caused overexposure.

Division I-AA also experienced its biggest jump since 1993, drawing 5,949,345 fans, an increase of 393,381 over 1998. It was the second-best total for I-AA since its inception in 1978, trailing only the record of 6,193,989 set in 1994.

Both Divisions II and III also were up from last year in average per game and total attendance. Division II was at 2,504,118, the best total since 1996, and Division III was at 1,996,221, the best total since 1992.



RULES UPDATE

NCAA FOOTBALL 2000

Offensive teams, while in the process of substitution or simulated substitution, are now prohibited from rushing quickly to the line of scrimmage and snapping the ball with the obvious attempt to create a defensive disadvantage.

The first time officials detect such an action, play will be stopped when the ball is snapped and the offending team will be penalized five yards for delay of game. In addition, the head coach will be warned that any further use of the tactic will result in a stoppage of play and a 15-yard penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct.

"More offenses are using multiple substitutions, and those substitutes are coming onto the field just before the snap, which is not within the spirit of the rules," Ault said. "Defenses were at a distinct disadvantage because they had little opportunity to make necessary adjustments.

"We anticipate that having the possibility of being penalized will encourage offenses to abide by the spirit of the rules and eliminate such last-second personnel changes."

Football Rules Panel Tabs Changes In Blocking, Substitution

The NCAA Football Rules Committee has approved rule changes for the 2000 season designed to protect defensive players from potentially harmful blocks and to curb offenses from gaining an advantage over defenses through the use of substitution practices.

The committee conducted its annual meeting February 14-15 in Indianapolis.

One of the approved changes expands the definition of an illegal block to include any high-low or low-high combination block by any two offensive players when the initial contact clearly occurs beyond the neutral zone. Previously, such a block could have been considered legal if the contacts were simultaneous.

The committee also approved changes regarding blocking below the waist by offensive players set wide in a formation or in motion. Previously, offensive players positioned more than seven yards in any direction from the middle offensive lineman at the snap, or in motion toward the ball at the snap, were prohibited from blocking below the waist toward the original position of the ball, commonly referred to as a crack-back block, behind the neutral zone and within five yards beyond the neutral zone.

Now, the prohibition includes offensive players in motion in any direction, and the area in which such a block is illegal increased to include the neutral zone and 10 yards beyond.

"These two changes are evidence of the importance the committee, and the NCAA as a whole, places on student-athlete safety," said committee Chair Chris Ault, athletics director at the University of Nevada. "Defensive players often do not see opponents preparing to deliver these kinds of blocks, which can leave them in a most vulnerable position."

Among the other rules approved by the committee are:

- Allowing any two defensive players to wear a four-inch by 12-inch white towel without markings attached to the front belt.

- Prohibiting a defensive player(s) aligned in a stationary position within one yard of the line of scrimmage from making quick and abrupt actions that are not part of normal player movement in an obvious attempt to cause an offensive player(s) to foul.

- Allowing a passer who is five or more yards toward the sideline from the original position of the ball at the snap to throw the ball so that it lands beyond the neutral zone to avoid loss of yardage without penalty.

The committee identified illegal blocks, substitutions as an attempt to deceive and teams showing respect for opponents as points of emphasis for 2000.



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Bowl games following a college football season have been a tradition since 1902, when the Rose Bowl was first held in Pasadena, California. Fast forward to 2000. This season, there will be 25 postseason bowl games, from the 87th Annual Rose Bowl, to the first-year galleryfurniture.com Bowl in Houston, Texas and the Silicon Valley Classic in San Jose, California.

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COMMUNITY PRIDE

Bowl games are rallying points for their communities. Every year, communities around the country are in the spotlight when national media, participating institutions and college football fans come to visit. To the groups of local volunteers hosting these bowl games, it is a chance to let their community shine like never before. Whether it's the head coach or the reserve lineman or the student trainer, everyone is treated like royalty.

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BOWL GAMES DO DETERMINE NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Every year, bowl games have determined the national championship. And, during the last two seasons and in 2000, the Bowl Championship Series guarantees one game to determine the national champion. The Bowl Championship Series consists of the Rose Bowl presented by AT&T, the Nokia Sugar Bowl, the FedEx Orange Bowl and the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl. The conferences with automatic berths include the Atlantic Coast, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, Pacific-10 and Southeastern conferences. Once again, ABC Sports will televise all four BCS games. At the conclusion of this season, the teams that are ranked first and second in the final BCS Standings will play for the national championship in the FedEx Orange Bowl on January 3 in Miami, Florida.

BOWL GAMES ARE COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Bowl games add to the pageantry, color and excitement of college football. Bowl games bring a measure of importance to the regular season not seen in other sports. Bowl games are fitting conclusions for winning teams to end their season. Bowl games are college football!

BOWL GAMES MAKE GREAT TOURIST DESTINATIONS

College football fans know the way to celebrate the holidays is a visit to a postseason bowl game. During last season's bowl games, more than 1.25 million fans attended 23 bowl games. The average capacity of the 23 bowl games was at 86.6 percent. Since 1980, an average of 55,446 fans have attended 379 bowl games.

BOWL GAMES GIVE BACK TO PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS AND THE COMMUNITY

Last year, 23 bowl games distributed more than \$141.5 million to 46 participating schools. During the 87 years in which there has been postseason competition, more than \$1.35 billion have been distributed to higher education and more than 40 percent of that total (\$560 million) has been distributed in the last five years. These bowl games have been lightning rods for their communities. Hosting a bowl game can mean an annual impact between \$80-\$150 million into the bowl site's local economy. A significant part of that money goes to local charities. Last season, more than 3,400 student-athletes experienced a postseason bowl game. These student-athletes took time to visit area landmarks and children's hospitals, participated in clinics and spoke to youth groups.

2000 College Football Bowl Schedule

Date	Bowl	Participants	Kickoff	TV
Dec. 20	Mobile Alabama	Conference USA vs. WAC	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Dec. 21	EASPORTS Las Vegas	Mountain West vs. TBA	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Dec. 24	Jeep Aloha Classics (Oahu)	Pac-10 vs. ACC	8:30 p.m.	ESPN
Dec. 25	Jeep Aloha Classics (Aloha)	Pac-10 vs. Big East	3:30 p.m.	ABC
Dec. 27	Motor City	Mid-American vs. Open	4:00 p.m.	ESPN
Dec. 27	galleryfurniture.com	Big 12 vs. Conference USA	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Dec. 28	crucial.com Humanitarian	WAC vs. Big West	1:30 p.m.	ESPN2
Dec. 28	Insight.com	Big 12 vs. Big East or Notre Dame	7:30 p.m.	ESPN
Dec. 28	Micron.pc.com	ACC vs. Big 10	7:00 p.m.	TBS
Dec. 29	HomePoint.com Music City	Big East vs. SEC	2:00 p.m.	ESPN
Dec. 29	Wells Fargo Sun	Pac-10 vs. Big Ten	1:30 p.m.	CBS
Dec. 29	AXA Liberty	Conference USA vs. Mountain West	3:30 p.m.	ESPN
Dec. 29	Culligan Holiday	Big 12 vs. Pac-10	8:30 p.m.	ESPN
Dec. 30	Chick-fil-A Peach	ACC vs. SEC	5:00 p.m.	ESPN
Dec. 30	SYLVANIA Alamo	Big Ten vs. Big 12	8:00 p.m.	ESPN
Dec. 31	Silicon Valley Classic	WAC vs. TBA	7:00 p.m.	FOX
Dec. 31	Sanford Independence	Big 12 vs. SEC	8:00 p.m.	ESPN
Jan. 1	Outback	Big Ten vs. SEC	11:00 a.m.	ESPN
Jan. 1	Southwestern Bell Cotton	Big 12 vs. SEC	11:00 a.m.	FOX
Jan. 1	Toyota Gator	ACC vs. Big East or Notre Dame	12:30 p.m.	NBC
Jan. 1	ourhouse.com Florida Citrus	Big Ten vs. SEC	1:00 p.m.	ABC
Jan. 1	Rose presented by AT&T	BCS (Big Ten) vs. BCS (Pac-10)	4:30 p.m.	ABC
Jan. 1	Tostitos Fiesta	BCS (Big 12) vs. BCS (At-Large)	8:00 p.m.	ABC
Jan. 2	Nokia Sugar	BCS (SEC) vs. BCS (At-Large)	8:00 p.m.	ABC
Jan. 3	FedEx Orange	BCS #1 vs. BCS #2	8:00 p.m.	ABC

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NCAA FOOTBALL 2000

Symbol of College Football Supremacy Tours Country on Road to National Championship Game

Two teams will wrap up their hard-fought football seasons in Miami on January 3, 2001. Awaiting them at their final destination will be the ultimate prize: the Sears National Champion Football Trophy.

The most sought-after award of college football teams across the country, the Sears Trophy is the reward for an outstanding season. Nothing makes that championship feeling hit home quite like the sparkling crystal football that will be presented following the FedEx Orange Bowl.

Awarded to the No. 1 ranked Division I-A college football team in the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Coaches Poll since 1993, the Sears Trophy is presented on-field to the winner of the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) national championship game.

By virtue of its 46-29 win against Virginia Tech in the 2000 Nokia Sugar Bowl, Florida State University was crowned the 1999 national champion, the second time the Seminoles have won the coveted Sears Trophy. Florida State won the inaugural Sears Trophy in 1993, and other winners include Nebraska (1994, 1995, 1997), Florida (1996) and Tennessee (1998).

The Sears Trophy tours across the country during each college football season and is displayed on the sidelines at premier games. Each year since the trophy tour began in 1993, the eventual national champion has played at least one regular season game with the Sears Trophy present. The trophy is presented for permanent display to the winning team in January.

A widely recognized symbol of excellence, some fans have taken to producing imitations of the Sears Trophy to show off in the stands during games. ESPN analyst Lee Corso, who often uses decorative

headgear to announce his game predictions, wore a foam replica of the trophy on his head on the network's Sugar Bowl pre-game special.

The Sears Trophy traveled nearly 15,000 miles and appeared before more than 500,000 fans at college football games in 1999. The largest crowd ever for a game featuring the Sears Trophy was 111,523 set at last season's Notre Dame-Michigan contest (September 4 at Ann Arbor, Michigan). In all, more than three million fans have attended games featuring the trophy since 1993.

The Sears Trophy has been associated with collegiate football supremacy the past seven years. Prior to being presented to the winner of the match-up between the No. 1 and No. 2 teams, the Sears Trophy was awarded to the No. 1 ranked college football team in the final *USA Today*/ESPN Top 25 Coaches Poll. The poll, which now plays a key role in determining who plays in the national championship game, is based upon votes from a 59-member panel of the AFCA. The winner of the BCS championship game is automatically determined to be the No. 1 ranked team in the final *USA Today*/ESPN Top 25 Coaches Poll.

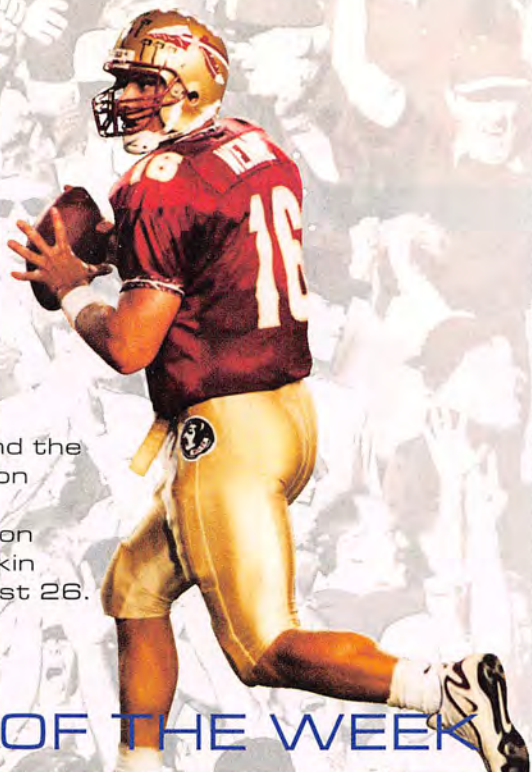
Stunning to look at, the Sears Trophy is hand-crafted by Waterford Crystal and insured for \$30,000. The crystal football that sits atop the Sears Trophy takes an artisan at Waterford three months to create. Sears and the AFCA also present a \$20,000 academic scholarship to the school that wins the Sears Trophy each year. The scholarship is earmarked for an outstanding freshman student who does not participate in intercollegiate athletics.

The Sears Trophy is part of the Sears Collegiate Champions program—a comprehensive trophy and academic scholarship program which recognizes both women's and men's sports equally. In total, more than 2,200 trophies and more than a quarter of a million dollars in academic scholarships are awarded to NCAA Division I, II, III and NAIA institutions each year.

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GAME OF THE WEEK

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Once again this year, Host Communications, Inc. and Westwood One join together to bring the madness of NCAA Division I college football off the field and on to the airwaves on the NCAA Radio Network. The network comprises more than 300 affiliates in some of the nation's top media markets, making it one of the most significant radio networks in all of team sports.

For the 2000 football season, the NCAA Radio Network will provide play-by-play action for 42 regular season games featuring all eight major football conferences, two conference championships and seven post-season bowl games. The network's extensive Game of the Week package will kick off its coverage on August 26 with the 11th annual Pigskin Classic as BYU visits Florida State in Jacksonville. This will be followed on August 27 by an exciting doubleheader featuring Georgia Tech vs. Virginia Tech in the BCA Classic and USC vs. Penn State in the 18th annual Kickoff Classic.

Well-known sports personalities Chuck Cooperstein, Jim Wacker, Brad Sham, Fran Curci, Joel Meyers, Tony Roberts and John Tautges will provide coverage for the millions of fans tuned in to the network.

To find out more about the NCAA Football Radio Network, including a list of affiliates, check out the NCAA Football website at www.ncaafootball.net.

2000 NCAA Radio Network Schedule

8/26	BYU vs. Florida State @ Jacksonville (Pigskin Classic)	10/28	Ohio St. @ Purdue
8/27	Georgia Tech @ Virginia Tech (BCA Classic) USC vs. Penn State @ East Rutherford, N.J. (Kickoff Classic)	11/4	Virginia Tech @ Miami (Fla.)
9/2	Alabama @ UCLA	11/11	Nebraska @ Kansas State UCLA @ Washington
9/9	Miami (Fla.) @ Washington	11/18	Florida @ Florida State Michigan @ Ohio St.
9/14	Mississippi St. @ BYU	11/24	Colorado @ Nebraska Texas A&M @ Texas
9/16	Florida @ Tennessee	11/25	Virginia @ Virginia Tech
9/23	Penn State @ Ohio State	12/2	Big 12 Championship SEC Championship Army vs. Navy @ Baltimore
9/28	Florida St. @ Maryland	12/24	Oahu Bowl
9/30	Purdue @ Penn State	12/25	Aloha Bowl
10/7	Florida State @ Miami (Fla.) Oregon St. @ Washington	12/29	Music City Bowl Sun Bowl
10/12	West Virginia @ Virginia Tech	12/30	Alamo Bowl
10/14	Washington @ Arizona State	1/1/01	Cotton Bowl Citrus Bowl
10/21	Alabama @ Tennessee		
10/26	Wyoming @ BYU		

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September 23-24	St. Louis	Forest Park
Sept 30 - Oct 1	Kansas City	TBD
October 7-8	Denver	Clement Park
October 21-22	New York/Long Island	TBD
November 11-12	Dallas	Southfork Ranch
November 18-19	Dallas	Southfork Ranch
December 2-3	Miami	Tamiami Park
December 9-10	Miami	Brian Piccolo Park
December 16-17	Los Angeles	Balboa Park
January 13-14	Tampa	Univ. of South Florida
January 20-21	Arizona	Benedict/Diablo
January 27-28	Austin	TBD
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Brigham Young	Michigan	South Florida
UCLA	Michigan State	Stanford
Delaware	Navy	Syracuse
Duquesne	Nebraska	Tennessee
Eastern Washington	Northern Colorado	Texas
Florida	Northwestern	Texas A&M
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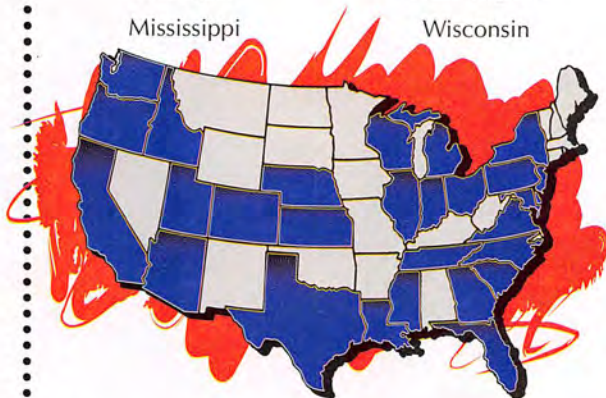
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Idaho	South Carolina
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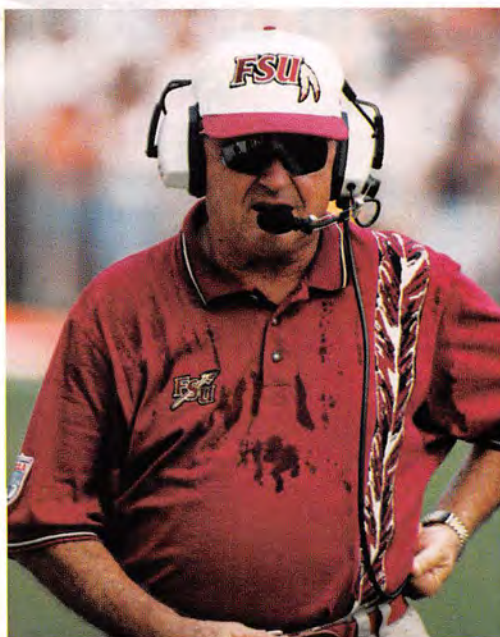
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'Noles will continue to dwarf the competition in top-heavy ACC.

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Anxious to shake its "Florida State and the Eight Dwarfs" football reputation, the Atlantic Coast Conference must wait at least one more year for relief. Even the league's most ardent boosters concede another championship to the Seminoles, and the ACC's image will continue to suffer until Florida State faces a realistic challenge for supremacy. Indeed, coach Bobby Bowden does not talk about the conference title; he directs his attention to the national championship.

The Seminoles reached that goal a year ago, racing wire-to-wire ranked No. 1, and climaxing the march with a convincing triumph over Virginia Tech in the Sugar Bowl. Although suffering some significant personnel losses, Florida State figures prominently in the national picture again this season.

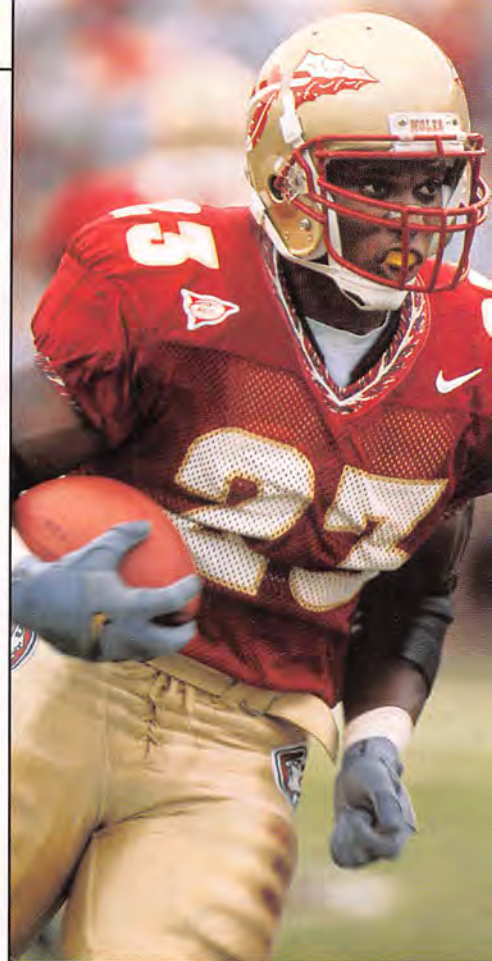
The numbers scream for attention. Florida State owns a 62-2 record against ACC foes in its eight seasons in the league, has finished in the top four in the Associated Press poll for an unprecedented 13 straight seasons and has 13 consecutive years of at least 10 victories.

In evaluating his team that figures to be one of the Seminoles' chief challengers, Clemson coach Tommy Bowden, Bobby's son, says the Tigers need to close the gap between the starters and the second unit. "We have too much distance there," he says, "and we won't be able to challenge Florida State and the other good teams on our schedule until we have more competition for those positions."

Tommy's Tigers gave Bobby's Seminoles a scare last season in college football's first father-son coaching duel. Clemson opened a 14-3 halftime lead, but the Seminoles slammed the door and came from behind to capture a 17-14 victory in their closest call on a national championship march.

Tommy and Bobby will square off again, this time in Tallahassee and perhaps with the league title at stake, in the ACC's juiciest subplot of the season. There will be others, including North Carolina's hiring of fired N.C. State head coach Mike O'Cain for its offensive coordinator, Georgia Tech's adjustment to life without record-breaking quarterback Joe Hamilton, Virginia's quest to keep its streak of seven-win seasons alive and Maryland's hopes for climbing into the first division.

For now, though, all take a back seat to Florida State and its annual pursuit of another national title.



Travis Minor, Florida State

Seminoles expect this season to be better. He will be throwing to new starting receivers, but that has never been a problem for the Seminoles. "We just need to find which ones are our go-to guys," Bowden says.

Any offensive changes might mean more emphasis on the running game. Travis Minor returns for his senior season at tailback, and William McCray, injured last season, will be the fullback. They will be working behind a deep and experienced offensive line—tackles Tarlos Thomas and Brett Williams, guards Justin Amman and Jerry Carmichael and tight end Ryan Sprague.

A pair of outstanding interior linemen must be replaced on defense, but the linebacking corps of Tommy Polley, Bradley Jennings and Brian Allen returns, and the four starters in the final two games—corners Tay Cody and Clevan Thomas, rover Derrick Gibson and safety Chris Hope—will be back in the secondary. Polley, who made 190 tackles, including 67 solos, will be coming off knee surgery. Maybe the toughest loss was kicker Sebastian Janikowski, who left early and earned the rare distinction of being a kicker selected in the first round of the NFL Draft.

PREDICTIONS

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|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Florida State | 6. Maryland |
| 2. Clemson | 7. North Carolina State |
| 3. Virginia | 8. Wake Forest |
| 4. Georgia Tech | 9. Duke |
| 5. North Carolina | |

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FLORIDA STATE SEMINOLES

Coach Bobby Bowden talks about guarding against complacency, an annual statement that signals another chapter in a story that never grows old in Tallahassee. Basically, the Seminoles (12-0 overall, 8-0 ACC) are loaded again, and they enter the

season focused on the national championship: Another ACC title is practically a given.

Florida State made its annual liberal contribution to the NFL Draft, but the departure of a posse of first-round picks hardly causes concern. Bowden counts 14 starters (seven on defense, six on offense, one specialist) among his veterans and pronounced himself satisfied after the spring game. "Our kids made a lot of improvement," he says.

The decision of quarterback Chris Weinke to return for his senior season rather than opt for the pro draft strengthened an already-strong hand. He capped a splendid 1999 season with 329 yards and four touchdown passes against Virginia Tech's top-ranked defense in the national championship game, and the

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE: RB-LaMont Jordan, Maryland
DEFENSE: LB-Keith Adams, Clemson
NEWCOMER: DB-Michael Waddell, North Carolina

GAMES TO WATCH

Clemson at Virginia September 23
Maryland at Virginia October 7
N.C. State at North Carolina October 14

Virginia at Florida St. October 21
Clemson at Florida St. November 4

The Seminoles stayed atop the AP rankings the entire '99 season, a feat that will be tough to match, but adding to their record for 13 straight top-four finishes in the AP poll should be no problem.

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**CLEMSON
TIGERS**

The Tigers (6-6, 5-3) enter their second season under coach Tommy Bowden without the element of surprise, but experience gained should more than offset that loss. Sixteen starters, eight on each unit, return from the squad that ranked among the nation's most improved in '99.

Bowden, son of Florida State coach Bobby Bowden, called himself pleased but not satisfied with the Tigers' break-even record that included a loss to Mississippi State in the Peach Bowl. Three of Clemson's losses came by a field goal—to undefeated Marshall, to Georgia Tech and national champion Florida State—and the Tigers played Virginia Tech closer than the final score. Those accomplishments came from a team that had lost six players to the NFL and did not return a starting offensive lineman.

The added experience and a more favorable schedule bode well. The Tigers play seven home games, two more than last season, and The Citadel and Missouri replace Marshall and Virginia Tech. Plus, the returning starters total does not include quarterback Woodrow Dantzler, who took more snaps than injury-plagued regular Brandon Streeter.

Bowden said after spring practice that he would not name a starting quarterback until fall drills, but Dantzler clearly played better in offseason practices. "I'm reacting instead of thinking so the offense becomes second nature," he said after a 22-for-34, 237-yard performance in the spring game. All-America candidate Rod Gardner, who caught at least five passes in all but one game, heads the wide receivers, and Travis Zachery, Bernard Rambert and Terry Witherspoon put the running game in good hands. Center Kyle Young and tackle Akil Smith anchor the interior line that returns intact.

All-America linebacker Keith Adams (186 tackles, 35 for loss), senior safety Robert Carswell and senior tackle Terry Jolly lead an experienced defense that went through a roller-coaster spring. The unit dominated one scrimmage with 13 sacks and four turnovers, then played what coordinator



Woodrow Dantzler, Clemson

Reggie Herring labeled "lethargic" in the spring game.

3

**VIRGINIA
CAVALIERS**

The Cavaliers (7-5, 5-3) won four of their final five regular-season games, giving them at least seven victories in a season for the 13th consecutive year. That is a feat matched only by Florida State, Michigan and Nebraska, but Virginia comes into the 2000 season with hopes for making amends; a 63-21 bowl-game loss to Illinois still stings.

Although suffering some significant personnel losses, including record-setting running back Thomas Jones (the No. 7 pick in the NFL Draft), coach George Welsh will build a promising offensive unit around quarterback Dan Ellis. He threw for 2,050 yards and 20 touchdowns, placing in the top 10 nationally in several passing categories. Kevin Coffey and Billy McMullen head a deep receiving corps, and sophomore Arlen Harris gets first shot at replacing Jones at tailback. Harris showed potential with 114 yards and two touchdowns on 15 carries in one spring scrimmage. Tackles Brad Barnes and Jermese Jones and guards Evan Routzahn and Josh Lawson provide a sturdy foundation along the line.



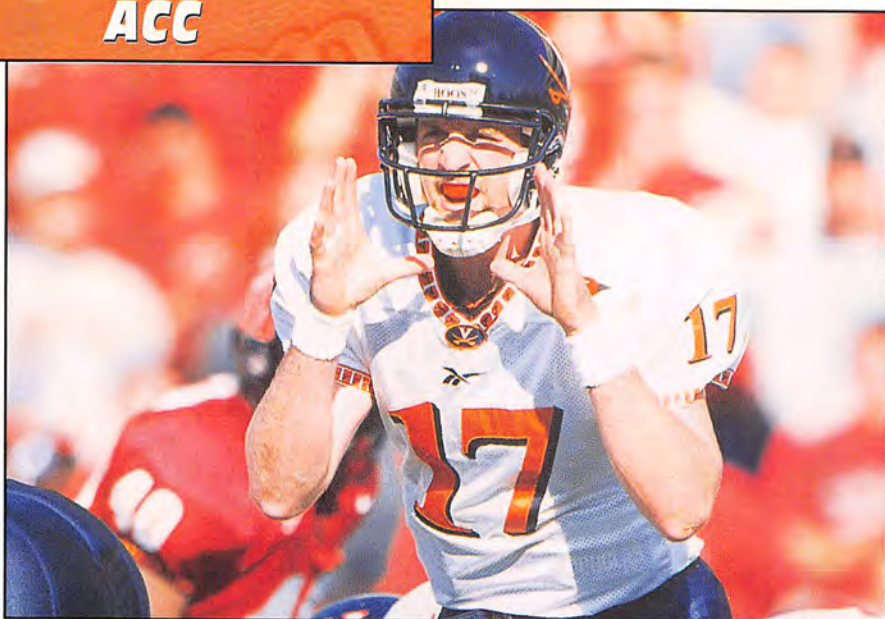
ALL-ACC TEAM

OFFENSE

QB	Chris Weinke	SR	Florida St.
RB	LaMont Jordan	SR	Maryland
RB	Travis Minor	SR	Florida St.
WR	Rod Gardner	SR	Clemson
WR	Kelly Campbell	JR	Georgia Tech
TE	Alge Crumpler	SR	N. Carolina
OL	Chris Brown	SR	Georgia Tech
OL	Brad Barnes	SR	Virginia
OL	Tarlos Thomas	SR	Florida St.
OL	Jarvis Borum	SR	N.C. State
OL	Troy Andrew	SR	Duke
PK	Luke Manget	SO	Georgia Tech

DEFENSE

DL	Julius Peppers	SO	N. Carolina
DL	Nate Goodson	JR	N.C. State
DL	Bryan Ray	SR	Wake Forest
DL	Terry Jolly	SR	Clemson
LB	Keith Adams	JR	Clemson
LB	Brandon Spoon	SR	N. Carolina
LB	Tommy Polley	SR	Florida St.
DB	Tay Cody	SR	Florida St.
DB	Robert Carswell	SR	Clemson
DB	Chris Young	JR	Georgia Tech
DB	Derrick Gibson	SR	Florida St.
P	Dan Dyke	JR	Georgia Tech



Dan Ellis, Virginia

Senior linebackers Byron Thweatt and Yubrenal Isabelle headline a defensive unit that must replace three regulars in the secondary and develop on the line. Ljubomir Stamenich and Monsanto Pope at end and Larry Simmons at tackle will lead the linemen. Sophomore safety Jerton Evans, the only returning regular in the secondary, will be joined by Ahmad Hawkins, a former starter at wide receiver, and senior Tim Spruill, who has started 17 games in his career.

Junior David Greene will add placekicking to his kickoff duties, and Mike Abrams will take over the punting chores.

"I feel pretty good about this team," Welsh says. "I think we have enough talent to win."

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**GEORGIA TECH
YELLOW JACKETS**

The Yellow Jackets (8-4, 5-3) begin "Life After Joe," starting 2000 without record-breaking quarterback Joe Hamilton, the Heisman Trophy runner-up who rewrote the school record book in his four seasons.

"I'm looking for a playmaker (at quarterback)," coach George O'Leary says, "because rarely are there going to be times when everything is perfect. A quarterback has to be a guy who is innovative, can make plays and, when the big play is there, take advantage of it."

Tech will go into fall drills with junior George Godsey listed No. 1 on the depth chart. He won the job in spring practice in a tight duel with redshirt freshman Andy Hall, a race, says O'Leary, that "came down to who

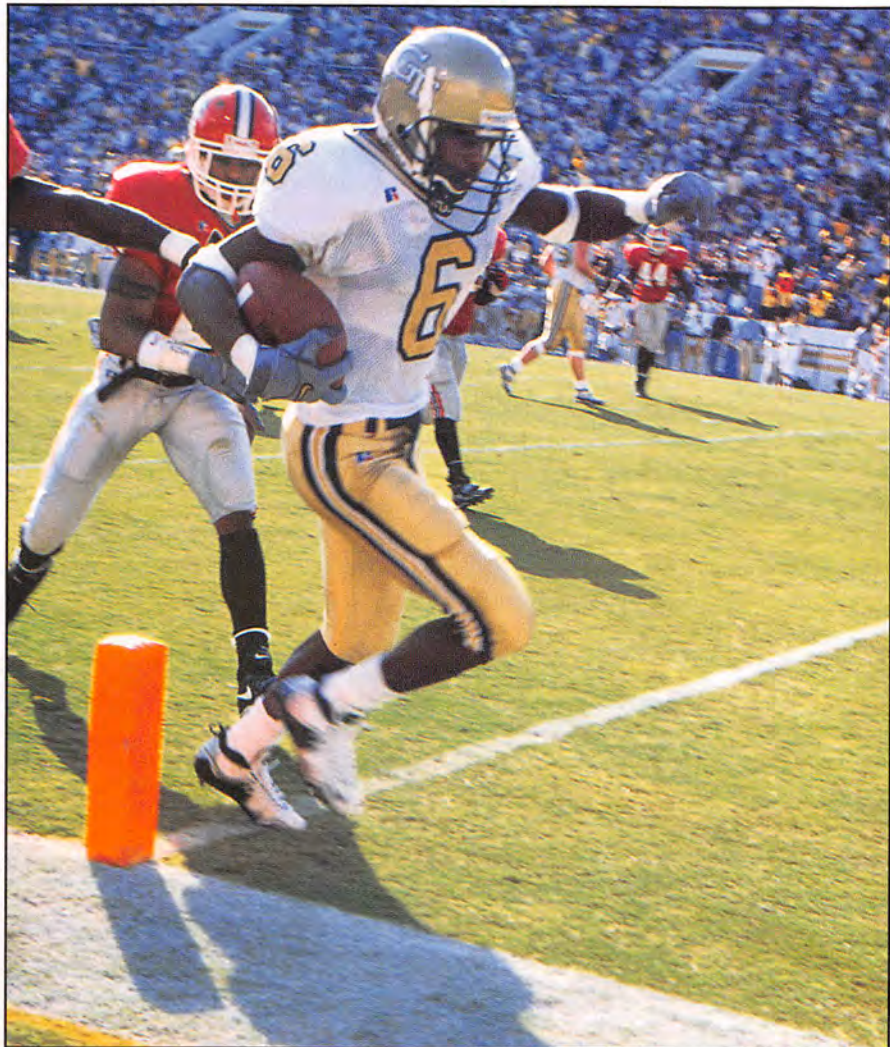
made the fewer mistakes and better decisions." In the final scrimmage, Hall completed nine of 16 passes for 228 yards, fulfilling the coach's wish for big plays, but Godsey, seven of 10 for 69 yards, "is not going to make mistakes and get in a bad situation."

All-America candidate Kelly Campbell and Jon Muyres headline a talented bunch of wide receivers that provide big-play potential. Fullback Ed Wilder, a solid blocker, and the leading rushers from the past two seasons, tailbacks Joe Burns and Sean Gregory, also return. Finding replacements to join tackle Chris Brown and guard Brent Key on the line will be vital.

Defensively, Tech returns nine starters. But the unit, which started three true freshmen in 1999, surrendered points in wholesale lots—42 to Clemson, 45 to Virginia, 41 to Florida State and 48 to Georgia. The Hamilton-led offense won two of those to mask some of the shortcomings, but O'Leary knows his team cannot yield so many again and survive.

"I think they're going to be stronger at the point of attack, more active at the point of attack, and that will allow them to make more plays," O'Leary says. "I have seen the defense really mature. They are still making some mistakes we must correct, but I see

Kelly Campbell, Georgia Tech





Ronald Curry, North Carolina

suffering a bicep tear. Add heralded newcomer Michael Waddell in the secondary, tailback Willie Parker, who is a breakaway threat, and a new offensive look, and the Tar Heels anticipate an immediate return to respectability.

Mike O'Cain, fired as N.C. State head coach last December, takes over the offensive reins at UNC and "wants our players to expect a wide-open, attacking style." But the offense is still a work in progress. Curry will work with the new scheme for the first time in the fall, and the line will be young. "Uncertainty" is a word O'Cain uses often, but he can be sure of tight end Alge Crumpler, who ranks among the nation's best at his position. Sophomore Bosley Allen, coming back from UNC's long injury list, provides a deep receiving threat, and Sam Aiken figures prominently among the wide receivers.

In Curry's absence, Antwon Black moved from the secondary and joined Luke Huard and Richard Moore at quarterback in the spring. Curry "is going to have to come in and learn the system and adapt in three or four weeks," O'Cain says, "and that's not an easy thing to do."

LaMont Jordan, Maryland



The return of Spoon to join Merceda Perry and Sedrick Hodge gives the Tar Heels a strong set of linebackers. Julius Peppers, who played basketball and missed spring practice, returns at defensive end and Torbush predicts he could be among the school's best ever at the position. Ryan Sims is back at tackle, and redshirt freshmen Donti Coats and Darryl Grant will be asked to play key roles on the line.

The player fans want to see most is Waddell, a partial qualifier who sat out last fall. He brings speed and excitement to the secondary and kick returns. "I will be disappointed if (Waddell) does not compete for a starting job," Torbush says. "He is a special player."

6 MARYLAND TERRAPINS

Maryland begins its fourth season under coach Ron Vanderlinden armed with 15 starters on a mission to earn the school's first bowl bid in a decade. A four-game losing streak to end the season erased the fruits of a promising start in 1999, and the Terps (5-6, 2-6) are anxious to make amends.

5 NORTH CAROLINA TAR HEELS

A seven-game losing streak that included thrashings by Maryland, Wake Forest and Division I-AA Furman put Carl Torbush on the endangered coaches list, and reports surfaced that he would be fired at season's end. But the injured-plagued Tar Heels (3-8, 2-6) upset N.C. State and routed Duke, and he received an 11th-hour reprieve.

"The adversities and experiences we went through will help make me a better football coach and will also help every member of this football team that went through it," Torbush says.

What will help, too, is a return to health of quarterback Ronald Curry, the two-sport star who suffered a season-ending Achilles tendon injury in the fourth game, and linebacker Brandon Spoon, a locker-room leader who made the defensive calls for two seasons before

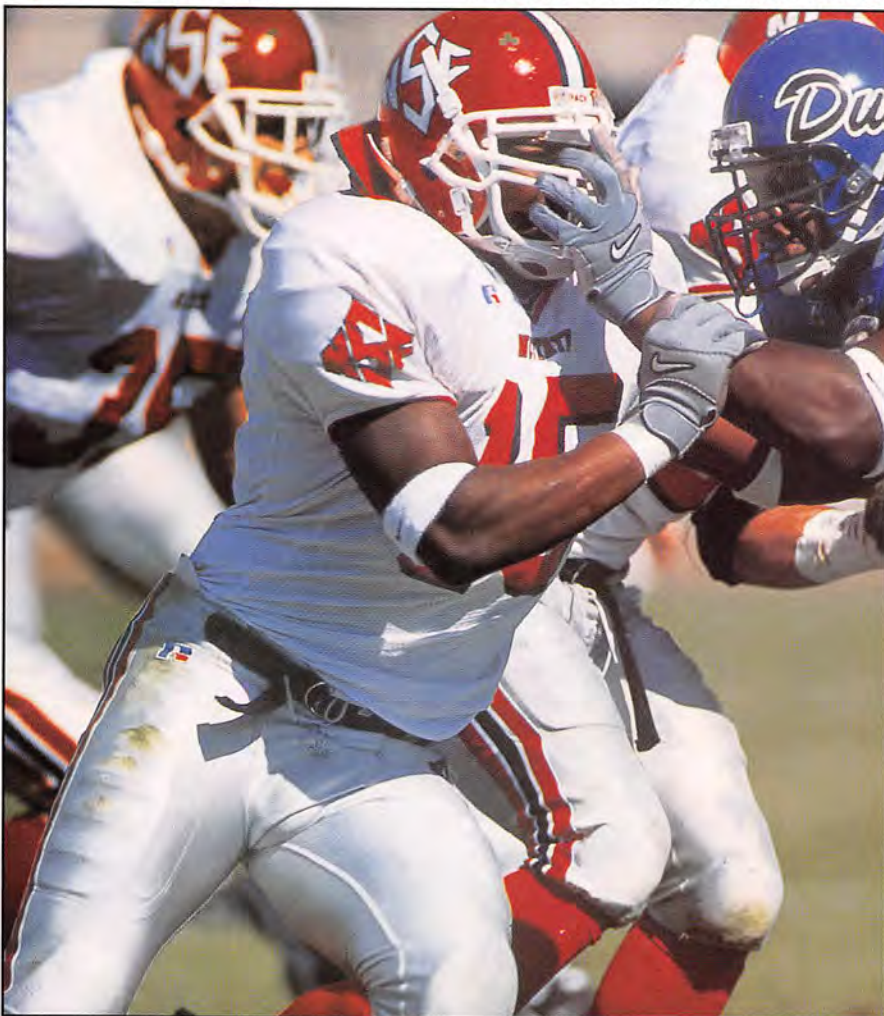
them making more plays up front, which is the key to good defense."

Strong safety Chris Young and free safety Jeremy Muyres, linebackers Matt Miller and Recardo Wimbush and tackle Greg Gathers should make the defense more formidable. Punter Dan Dyke and placekicker Luke Manget return, providing Tech with strong special teams.

Rivals will not be surprised to learn that the Maryland offense will revolve around tailback LaMont Jordan, who last season rushed for a school-record 1,632 yards, the third-best single-season total in ACC history. Over the final six games, he rushed for more yards (1,101) than any back in the nation—a performance that will make him among the top Heisman Trophy candidates in preseason speculation.

Calvin McCall, who stepped into the starting role at quarterback last season, played basketball and missed part of offseason drills. Transfer Shaun Hill capitalized on the opportunity with a sharp performance in the spring game, giving the Maryland coaches an added option. Fullback Matt Kalapinski, a rugged blocker who opens holes for Jordan, will start for the third year at fullback, and four of the top five wide receivers return, too. Regulars Melvin Fowler at center, Todd Wike at guard and Matt Crawford at tackle anchor the line.

Clayton White, North Carolina State

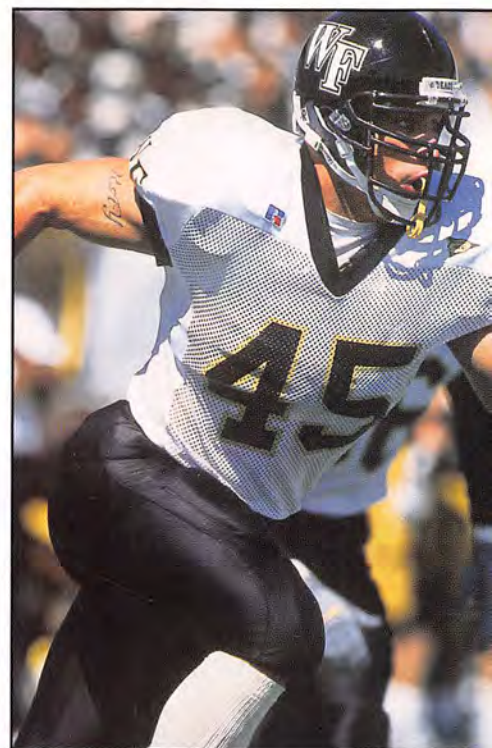


Three players who combined for 77 career starts must be replaced on the defensive front, but the return of a solid linebacker crew—Aaron Thompson, Marlon Moore and Kevin Bishop—should ease the transition. Safeties Shawn Forte and Rod Littles will return to a secondary weakened by cornerback Lewis Sanders' decision to declare for the NFL Draft. Placekicker Brian Kopka could be among the nation's best at his position, and punter Brooks Barnard earned third-team Freshman All-America recognition a year ago.

7 NORTH CAROLINA STATE WOLFPACK

After a 3-0 start that included a road victory over Texas, the Wolfpack (6-6, 3-5) fell on hard times and season-ending losses to North Carolina and East Carolina cost coach Mike O'Cain his job. Former N.C. State player Chuck Amato left the Florida State staff to take the reins and his presence injected a large dose of enthusiasm into the program.

Fifteen starters (six on offense and nine on defense) are back, and Amato liked the



Bryan Ray, Wake Forest

effort and work ethic demonstrated in spring drills. "We came a long way in a few practices," he says.

Look for the Wolfpack to run a wide-open offense under coordinator Norm Chow, who spent 22 years at Brigham Young and coached such quarterbacks as Steve Young, Ty Detmer and Jim McMahon. Chow will be starting from scratch at quarterback with the departure of record-setting Jamie Barnette. Sophomore Jatavis Sanders and freshman Philip Rivers, Alabama's 1999 prep Player of the Year who graduated in December and enrolled at State in January, will battle for the job. Rivers suffered a fractured finger that kept him out of the spring game, "and you could feel our players let down a little bit after they heard he wouldn't play," Amato says. "For a guy who just turned 18 a couple of months ago, he has done a lot of this team."

Koren Robinson and Bryan Peterson will be deep threats at wide receiver, and Ray Robinson returns at tailback and Derek Roberts at fullback. The offensive line will revolve around tackle Jarvis Borum, tight end Andy VanDerVeer and guard Alex Rice, a 1998 starter.

If the offense takes time to gel, the defense should be able to carry the load. Nine regulars, including one from 1998, return. Tackles Nate Goodson and Jeff Fisher and end Brian Jamison, who forced four fumbles in one game last season, form a nice nucleus

along the front, and five players with starting experience—Clayton White, Levar Fisher, William Pannell, Dantonio Burnette and Edrick Smith—make up a potentially outstanding linebacking corps. Brian Williams and Adrian Wilson, the starters at safety, return, but State must find replacements for its best defensive backs, corners Lloyd Harrison and Tony Scott.

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**WAKE FOREST
DEMON DEACONS**

The Deacons shocked Georgia Tech in the regular-season finale to earn a bowl berth and capitalized on that opportunity by knocking off Arizona State in the Aloha Bowl. The victories climaxed a long climb to respectability, and Wake (7-5, 3-5) faces the challenge of taking another step forward with an inexperienced squad.

Coach Jim Caldwell lost 17 starters among 26 seniors, leaving a team thin in numbers for spring drills. Injuries sidelined another 14 players, leaving the Deacons with an offense-versus-defense scrimmage for a spring game.

Only two starters, end Bryan Ray and cornerback Keyshorn Smith, return to the defensive unit that ranked among the nation's top 35 in all statistical categories. Ray, who developed into one of the league's best pass rushers with 10 sacks and 19 tackles for loss, will be counted on for a larger role this season. Junior Nathan Bolling likely will take over one of the tackle spots, and sophomores Calvin Pace and Montique Sharpe will receive opportunities to start on the line.

Junior Ed Kargbookorogie, who sparkled in the spring game, will step in at one linebacker spot. Senior Nick Bender, junior Marquis Hopkins and sophs Jamaal Argrow and Roderick Stephen have limited experience there, and redshirt freshman Dion Williams attracted attention with two fumble recoveries in the spring game. Junior Adrian Duncan joins Smith in providing experience in the secondary.

Wake must replace team MVP Morgan Kane at tailback and Aloha Bowl MVP Ben Sankey at quarterback. The duo combined to produce 92 percent of the team's 3,488 yards last season. Touted sophomore C.J. Leak gets the call at quarterback, and Ovie Mughelli, a bruising blocker, returns at fullback. Senior Chris McCoy and sophs Jamie Scott and Tarence Williams will vie for the tailback job. Center Vince Azzolina and tackle Michael Collins return to starting spots on the offensive line, and guard Michael Moosbrugger started

four games there a year ago. Jimmy Caldwell, the coach's son, and Ira Williams head the receiving corps.

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**DUKE
BLUE DEVILS**

Three ACC victories last season represented the Blue Devils' most league wins since 1994. They will have plenty of offensive firepower in their quest to boost the total this fall. However, the glass might be half-empty; eight starters will be missing from the unit that allowed more than 26 points a game.

Duke (3-8, 3-5) went into offseason drills with goals of becoming "a better running team and a better tackling team for this fall," coach Carl Franks says, and the defense delivered "one of its better performances" in the spring game.

With starting quarterback Spencer Romine out of spring drills after undergoing offseason surgery, Bobby Campbell and D. Bryant alternated in racking up big passing numbers.

Troy Andrew, Duke

Campbell, who started two games last season and has thrown for almost 2,700 career yards, enjoyed a 221-yard performance in one scrimmage, and Bryant passed for 215 in the spring game.

The offensive line retains four of five regulars and will revolve around senior center Troy Andrew, a two-year starter. Senior Wes White returns at tackle and Benjamin Watson at tight end. Tailbacks Duane Epperson (324 yards rushing last season) and Alexander Wade, who enjoyed a strong spring, and fullback Devin Pierce figure prominently in backfield plans. A deep group of wide receivers includes Bryan Ament, D.R. Cash and Kyle Moore.

A pair of linebackers, Todd DeLamielleure on the inside and Kendral Knight on the outside, will anchor the defense. DeLamielleure made 103 tackles last season, and Knight led the squad in sacks. Troy Austin steps in at tackle to replace all-conference performer Chris Combs. Cornerbacks Quentin Holley and Temo George, linebackers Randy Ament, Jason Davis, Kurt Miller and Akil Ross and free safety Anthony Roberts amassed some impressive statistics in spring scrimmages. ■



BIG EAST

Hurricanes set to steal national spotlight away from Hokies.

BY JEFF WHITE
RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH

Rarely has this oft-maligned conference had more cause for optimism. Until last season, the Big East hadn't been represented in the Associated Press final Top 10 since 1995. But last year's conference champion, second-ranked Virginia Tech, advanced to the national title game and led after three quarters before falling to unbeaten Florida State in the Sugar Bowl. The Hokies, who outscored conference opponents 318-88, don't figure to be as dominant this season, but they should have no trouble advancing to a bowl for the eighth straight season. Overall, the Big East looks considerably stronger than in '99 and could have another national championship contender in Miami.

The Hurricanes, No. 15 in last season's final AP poll, have yet to beat Florida State or Virginia Tech during Butch Davis' tenure as its head coach. Both teams visit the Orange Bowl this fall, however, and Davis has his most talented team, a combination that could produce a special season for the 'Canes. Elsewhere around the league, Virginia Tech has the Heisman Trophy favorite in sophomore quarterback Michael Vick. Syracuse returns numerous starters from a team that salvaged a frustrating season with a win in the Music City Bowl, and fourth-year coach Walt Harris appears to have Pittsburgh poised for a breakout year.

The resurgence of Boston College, which posted its first winning record in six years, was more good news for the Big East, which needs attractive teams in its major media markets. If Miami and Virginia Tech are the leading contenders for the Big East title, BC falls in the next group, along with Syracuse, Pitt and West Virginia, all teams with postseason aspirations. Temple is no threat to go bowling, but the Owls, with a break or two, could surpass three victories in a season for the first time since 1990.

For the second straight year, none of the Big East's eight teams has a new head coach. That streak seems likely to end after this season, however, unless fifth-year coach Terry Shea can reverse his trend at Rutgers. Shea's record with the Scarlet Knights is 8-36.

PREDICTIONS

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| 1. Miami | 5. Boston College |
| 2. Virginia Tech | 6. West Virginia |
| 3. Syracuse | 7. Temple |
| 4. Pittsburgh | 8. Rutgers |

1 MIAMI HURRICANES

It wasn't the smoothest offseason for the Hurricanes (9-4 overall, 6-1 Big East), who lost all-conference performers Nate Webster (linebacker) and Bubba Franks (tight end) early to the NFL and unexpectedly lost starting quarterback Kenny Kelly to pro baseball. Even so, an abundance of talent remains in sixth-year coach Butch Davis' program, and the 'Canes have added a recruiting class ranked among the nation's top 10.

Davis' biggest concern is probably his quarterback situation. Still, when Kelly was

injured last season, Ken Dorsey, then a true freshman, sparkled. Dorsey passed for 807 yards and 10 touchdowns in six games. If Dorsey stays healthy, Miami should be fine. If not, well, Dorsey's backup in spring practice was Ethenic Sands, a receiver last season. Dorsey is one of nine returning 'Canes who started at least three games on offense. What may be the nation's best receiving corps features All-America candidate Santana Moss (54 catches for 899 yards and six TDs), Reggie Wayne (40 catches), Andre King (20 catches) and Daryl Jones, who redshirted in 1999.

Equally impressive is Miami's stable of tailbacks. Senior James Jackson, second-team all-conference last year, is fifth on Miami's career rushing list. All Clinton Portis did as a true freshman last year was rank fourth among Big East rushers (83.8 yards per game). Portis then ran for 117 yards in Miami's win over George Tech in the Gator Bowl. Also in the mix at tailback are the

immensely gifted Najeh Davenport, who missed the final 12 games of last season with a knee injury, and former NFL great Walter Payton's son, Jarrett Payton, who as a true freshman ran for 262 yards in seven games last year. Up front, three starters return: tackle Joaquin Gonzalez and guards Martin Bibla and Greg Lafferre.

Back on defense are nine players who started at least four games, including five members of the secondary. Three of those backs—cornerback Mike Rumph and safeties Al Blades and Edward Reed—made the All-Big East second team. Dan Morgan, a four-year starter and a Butkus Award candidate, has moved from outside linebacker to the middle, where Webster starred. Chris Campbell returns at outside 'backer, and his counterpart may be 6-2, 235-pound freshman D.J. Williams, the nation's top-rated defensive player in high school last year. Two starting linemen are back: end William Joseph and tackle Damione Lewis (second-team All-Big East).

The 'Canes played a brutal non-conference schedule in '99, facing such foes as Ohio State, Penn State, East Carolina and Florida State. Miami has scheduled less ambitiously this year, another reason to like its chances.

James Jackson, Miami



TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE: QB-Michael Vick, Virginia Tech
DEFENSE: LB-Dan Morgan, Miami
NEWCOMER: WR-Johnnie Morant, Syracuse

GAMES TO WATCH

Georgia Tech at Virginia Tech August 27
Penn State at Pittsburgh September 16
Florida State at Miami October 7

Virginia Tech at Miami November 4
Syracuse at West Virginia November 4
Boston College at Notre Dame November 11

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**VIRGINIA TECH
HOKIES**

One are such standouts as Corey Moore, John Engelberger, Shyrone Stith and Shayne Graham, to name a few of the players who led the Hokies (11-1, 7-0) to the brink of a national title. Still, don't feel sorry for Virginia Tech coach Frank Beamer, who has built a powerhouse at his alma mater. Beamer still has quarterback Michael Vick, the most exciting and, quite possibly, the best player in the nation. As a redshirt freshman last year, Vick led the nation in passing efficiency, was Big East Offensive Player of the Year and finished third in the Heisman Trophy balloting. What didn't Vick do? The 6-1 left-hander passed for 1,840 yards and 12 TDs. He ran for 585 yards and another eight TDs.

For an encore the Hokies would love to return to the Bowl Championship Series as Big East champions. Several hurdles stand in their way. From the nation's top-ranked scoring defense, coordinator Bud Foster must replace eight starters, including two-time Big East Defensive Player of the Year Moore, a consensus All-America. Of the three returning starters, only rover Cory Bird is at the same position. Ben Taylor has moved to inside linebacker and Nick Sorensen to outside 'backer. The new wave of defenders includes redshirt freshman end Nathaniel Adibi, cornerbacks Larry Austin and Ronyell Whitaker and tackles Chad Beasley and David Pugh, both of whom played key roles last season.

Special teams are another concern for Beamer, who must replace kicker Graham, the Big East's all-time leading scorer, and punter Jimmy Kibble, thrice a first-team all-conference pick. Carter Warley is the top candidate to take over as kicker.

Unlike Foster, offensive coordinator Rickey Bustle has only minor tinkering to do. Tech led the nation in scoring (41.4 points per game) last season and could claim that title again. In addition to Vick, seven offensive starters return, among them tackles Dave Kadela and Anthony Lambo, tight end Derek Carter and guards Josh Redding and Matt Lehr. If redshirt freshman Jake Grove proves a capable successor to center Keith Short, this line should dominate.

Vick will have no shortage of targets. Of the Hokies' top nine receivers in '99, eight are back, most notably flanker Andre Davis. A second-team all-conference selection, Davis set a Tech single-season record with 962 yards receiving. With veteran fullbacks


**Cedric
WASHINGTON**
BOSTON COLLEGE

**Duke
PETTIJOHN**
SYRACUSE

ALL-BIG EAST TEAM
OFFENSE

QB	Michael Vick	SO	Virginia Tech
RB	Avon Cobourne	SO	W. Virginia
RB	Cedric Washington	SR	Boston C.
RB	Santana Moss	SR	Miami
WR	Latef Grim	SR	Pittsburgh
TE	L.J. Smith	JR	Rutgers
OL	Dave Kadela	SR	Virginia Tech
OL	Matt Lehr	SR	Virginia Tech
OL	Paul Zukauskas	SR	Boston C.
OL	Joaquin Gonzalez	JR	Miami
OL	Jeff McCurley	JR	Pittsburgh
PK	Nick Lotz	JR	Pittsburgh

DEFENSE

DL	Damione Lewis	SR	Miami
DL	Duke Pettijohn	SR	Syracuse
DL	Dan Klecko	SO	Temple
DL	Antonio Garay	JR	Boston C.
LB	Dan Morgan	SR	Miami
LB	Morlon Greenwood	SR	Syracuse
LB	Ben Taylor	JR	Virginia Tech
DB	Cory Bird	SR	Virginia Tech
DB	Al Blades	SR	Miami
DB	Mike Rumph	JR	Miami
DB	Ramon Walker	SO	Pittsburgh
P	Mark Fazzolari	SO	W. Virginia

Jarrett Ferguson and Cullen Hawkins back, Bustle's biggest challenge may be replacing All-Big East tailback Stith, who left early for the NFL. Andre Kendrick, Stith's backup in '99, is expected back after missing the spring semester because of academic problems, but sophomore Lee Suggs may beat Kendrick out for the starting job.

Michael Vick, Virginia Tech

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SYRACUSE
ORANGEMEN

The Orangemen (7-5, 3-4) suffered several humbling setbacks last season—losses to Virginia Tech (62-0), Miami (45-13) and, unbelievably, hapless Rutgers (24-21 in overtime)—but still managed to post a winning record for the 13th straight season. Syracuse may not have enough firepower to overtake



BIG EAST



Latéf Grim, Pittsburgh

Tech or Miami in the Big East title race, but it's certainly capable of running that streak to 14.

Not so long ago, coach Paul Pasqualoni could take exceptional play from his quarterback for granted. But Donovan McNabb is gone, and for the second straight year the most pressing question at Syracuse is, "Who will run the offense?"

In 1999, Troy Nunes and Madei Williams split time at QB, and neither proved to be the second coming of McNabb. Battling Nunes and Williams for the starting job this year are redshirt freshman R.J. Anderson and junior college transfer Chad Elliott. Also returning in the backfield are fullback Kyle Johnson and tailbacks Dee Brown and James Mungro. Brown (741 yards) led the 'Cuse in rushing last year. Mungro ran for 162 yards and two TDs to earn Music City Bowl MVP honors. Maurice Jackson's return will bolster a group of receivers that includes veterans Pat Woodcock and Malik Campbell. Jackson has twice lettered at Syracuse but attended a junior college last season. Incoming freshman receiver Johnnie Morant (6-5, 225 pounds) was a *Parade* All-America and should make an immediate impact. On the line, center P.J. Alexander and guards Joe Burton and Sean O'Connor have starting experience.

The defense, one of the Big East's best last year, has few holes. Three starting linemen return, and they'll be joined by junior end Dwight Freeney, an all-conference candidate who was slowed by an injury last year. All-Big East end Duke Pettijohn led the Orangemen with 10.5 sacks. Back at tackle are Rickie Simpkins and Eric Downing. In Morlon Greenwood and Clifton Smith, a Freshman All-America last season, defensive coordinator Chris Rippon has two of the conference's premier linebackers. Cornerback Will Allen, another potential star, and safety Quentin Harris anchor an excellent secondary.

Among the Orangemen lost to graduation was kicker Nate Trout, the school's all-time leading scorer. His probable successor is sophomore Mike Shafer, who'll also continue as the starting punter.

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PITTSBURGH PANTHERS

Pittsburgh (5-6, 2-5) hasn't finished above .500 since 1991, but its fortunes may change this season. Fourth-year coach Walt Harris, methodically reconstructing a once-mighty program, welcomes back eight starters on offense and six on defense from a team that would have been bowl-eligible had it won its regular-season finale last year.

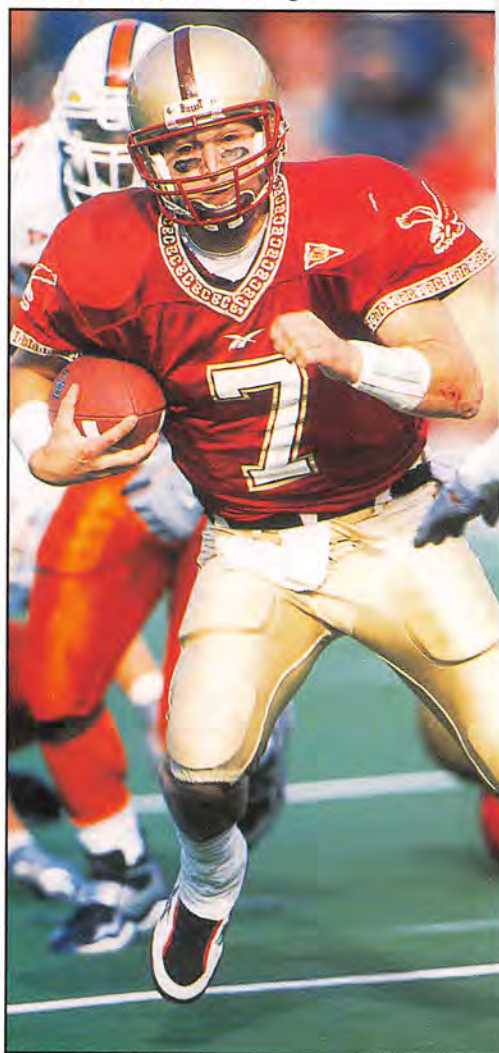
Harris personally tutors his quarterbacks and has an exceptional group in junior David Priestley, senior John Turman and redshirt freshman Rod Rutherford, a marquee recruit in 1999. In nine games, four of which he started, Priestley passed for 1,305 yards, including a 407-yard outburst against the vaunted Virginia Tech defense. Priestley had surgery in December on his throwing shoulder and missed spring practice. If he doesn't win the No. 1 job, Turman probably will. He started seven games in 1999 and passed for 1,301 yards and 10 TDs. On the other end of most of Priestley's and Turman's completions were Latéf Grim and Antonio Bryant, perhaps the nation's top receiving tandem. Grim led the Big East in receiving yards per game (100.5) and Bryant was third (76.7), as a true freshman no less.

Other returning starters on offense include tailback Kevin Barlow (second-team all-conference in '99), center Jeff McCurley and guards Bryan Anderson and Khiawatha Downey. Tackle Mark Browne, a starter in 1998, returns from a medical redshirt. Look for 6-3, 245-pound freshman Dustin Picciotti, the nation's top prep fullback last year, to contend for playing time, too.

New defensive coordinator Paul Rhoads inherits an All-America candidate in free safety Ramon Walker. As a redshirt freshman last season, Walker had the most tackles (131) by a Panther in 12 years and made the all-conference first team. Six linebackers with starting experience return, led by juniors Ryan Gonsales and Amir Purifoy. Mark Ponko is back at strong safety, and end Bryan Knight and tackle Mike White are also returning starters. The departure of all-conference cornerback Hank Poteat leaves a huge hole in the secondary, but freshman William Ferguson had a strong spring and may start at one corner. Junior kicker Nick Lotz returns after leading Pitt in scoring last year, but second-team all-conference punter Greg DeBolt must be replaced.

Pitt Stadium was torn down after last season, and the Panthers will play their home games at Three Rivers Stadium this year. They'll move into a new downtown stadium (along with the NFL's Steelers) in 2001.

Tim Hasselbeck, Boston College



LEFT: TOMASSO DEROSA. RIGHT: BRUCE SCHWARTZMAN



Avon Cobourne, West Virginia

5 BOSTON COLLEGE EAGLES

Year No. 3 of Tom O'Brien's rebuilding job at Boston College yielded the long-awaited breakthrough: a triumphant regular season and the school's first postseason appearance since 1994. The Eagles (8-4, 4-3) got hammered by Colorado in the Insight.com Bowl, but they enter 2000 with no intention of falling back below .500.

The offense was BC's biggest concern heading into last season. Not this year. Six starters return, led by All-Big East tailback Cedric Washington (102 yards per game), second-team all-conference lineman Paul Zukauskas and senior quarterback Tim Hasselbeck, who missed spring practice while recovering from offseason groin/abdomen surgery. Sophomore QB Brian St. Pierre played well in Hasselbeck's absence, and game-breaking sophomore William Green teams with Washington to form a terrific one-two punch at tailback. The receiving corps looks promising, too, with juniors Dedrick Dewalt and DuJuan Daniels and sophomore Jamal Burke back. There's little experience at tight end, but senior linemen Michael Cook and Paul LaQuerre started last season.

The defense must replace five of its top six tacklers from last year, including linebacker Frank Chamberlin and All-America tackle Chris Hovan. O'Brien shifted Ryan Burch, last year's starter at fullback, to linebacker, a move that previously worked for Chamberlin. Elsewhere on defense, seven players with starting experience return, and as more players from O'Brien's first two recruiting classes break into the two-deep, the Eagles' speed and athleticism figure to improve.

All-conference candidates include junior tackle Antonio Garay, sophomore linebacker Jerome Ledbetter and junior cornerback Jonathan Ordway. Other part- or full-time starters back are end Sean Guthrie, linebackers Marco Williams and Scott Bradley and safety RaMon Johnson. Kevin McMyler returns at punter and Sandro Sciortino replaces John Matich at kicker. If defensive coordinator Frank Spaziani's young group proves to be an asset and not a liability, BC could well be bowl-bound again.

6 WEST VIRGINIA MOUNTAINEERS

The Mountaineers' losing record—only their fourth in 20 seasons under Don Nehlen—didn't sit well with the fifth-winningest active coach in Division I-A. Nor

did the fact that West Virginia (4-7, 3-4) ranked next to last in the Big East in total defense.

"Our top priority for the year 2000 is to play the kind of defense that made this program one of the elite in the country," Nehlen says.

That goal won't be easily reached. WVU must replace seven starters on defense, including All-Big East linebacker Barrett Green. Especially hard hit was the secondary, where Rick Sherrod, who started three games in '99, has the most experience. Defensive coordinator Steve Dunlap will rebuild around linebackers Chris Edmonds and Kyle Kayden and linemen Antwan Lake and Mark Thurston.

The Mountaineers averaged 26.5 points per game last year, third-best in the Big East. Record-setting quarterback Marc Bulger is gone, but WVU has the makings of another high-powered offense. As a redshirt freshman last year, Avon Cobourne led the Big East in rushing (114 yards per game), ranked 16th nationally and broke the school's freshman rushing record held by Amos Zereoue. Cobourne will operate behind a line that returns four starters, including Rick Gilliam, who has shifted from guard to center, and tackles Tanner Russell and Matt Wilson.

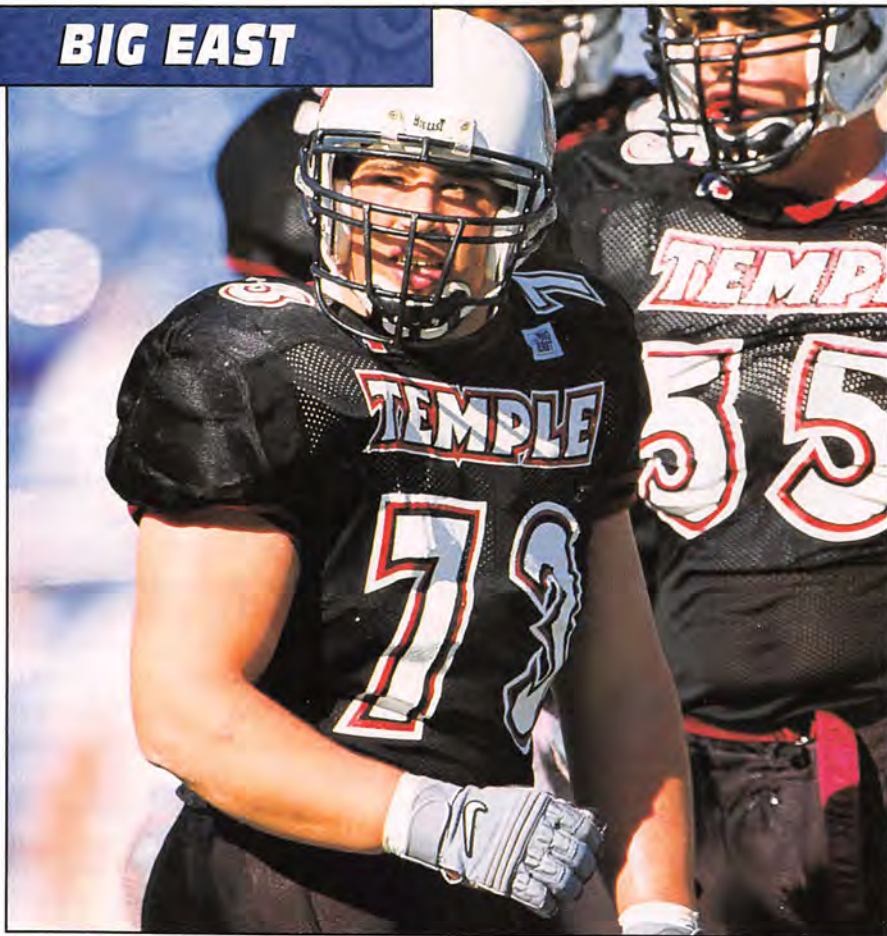
Junior QB Brad Lewis (726 yards and eight TD passes in eight games) played well when Bulger was injured, and he has talented receivers in Khorl Ivy, Antonio Brown and Carlos Osegueda, who combined for 113 catches last season. On special teams, Mark Fazzolari returns after leading the Big East in punting (41.5-yard average) as a freshman last year. But West Virginia must replace Jay Taylor, its leading scorer last season and one of the finest kickers in school history.

7 TEMPLE OWLS

The Owls (2-9, 2-5) appeared to be making strides last season, then collapsed in their final two games, losing by a combined 117-7 to Virginia Tech and Miami. A brutal schedule that included only four home games and featured visits to out-of-conference powers Kansas State and Marshall took a severe toll on an inexperienced team adjusting to a new offense.

The outlook is brighter this season for third-year coach Bobby Wallace, if only because Temple will play six home games for the first time since 1984. Moreover, the non-conference schedule includes no teams of Marshall's or K-State's caliber and could yield a victory or two. Fifty-two lettermen

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Dan Klecko, Temple

return from 1999, including 13 starters: six on offense and seven on defense.

Defensive veterans include two of the Big East's top three returning tacklers: linebackers Taylor Suman (12.9 per game) and LeVar Talley (11.9). Tackle Dan Klecko, lightly recruited out of high school, had 53 tackles, including eight sacks, and was named a Freshman All-America. Klecko, son of former NFL star Joe Klecko, was one of 14 true freshmen to play significant minutes for Temple. The front seven looks solid, but cornerback Philip Shepard is the only returning starter behind them. The defense's success may hinge on the progress of the young secondary.

At quarterback, incumbent Devin Scott, who passed for 1,185 yards in the Owls' "West Coast offense," will battle Mac DeVito and junior college transfer Mike Frost for the starting job. The Owls averaged a paltry 59.7 yards per game rushing last season, and new offensive coordinator Charlie Fisher has made beefing up the running game a priority. Sophomore tailback Tanardo Sharps averaged 7.4 yards per carry as a reserve in 1999, and starting fullback Jason McKie returns. Junior Greg Muckerson is among the Big

East's better receivers, and nine other players who caught passes last year return, too. Among the linemen, starters Don Klein and Dave Yovanovits are back. So, too, are all of Temple's specialists, including kicker Cap Poklemba.

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RUTGERS

SCARLET KNIGHTS

Only a stunning November upset of bowl-bound Syracuse kept the Scarlet Knights from finishing 0-11 for the second time in three years. A mind-boggling succession of injuries to key players, coupled with a difficult non-conference schedule, doomed Rutgers (1-10, 1-6), which had hoped to continue the improvement it showed when it went 5-6 in 1998.

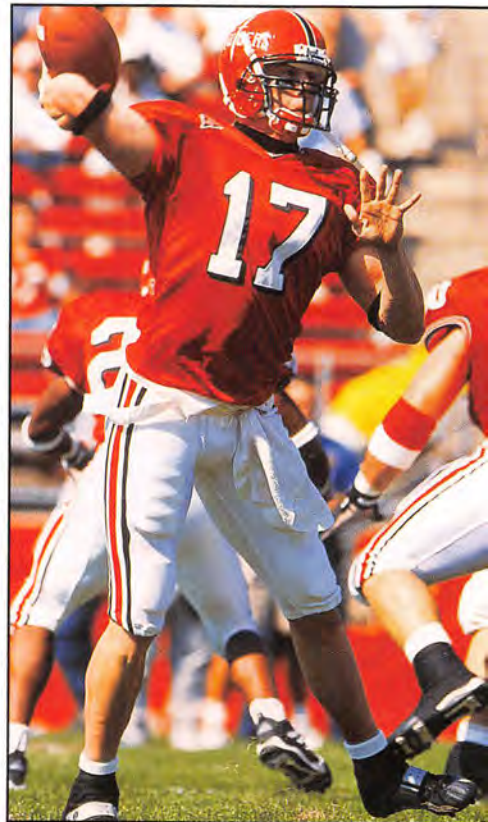
Coach Terry Shea enters his fifth season knowing his job is on the line. It's hard to envision anything better than a seventh-place conference finish for the Scarlet Knights, but at the very least they've scheduled more prudently. They open the season against Division I-AA Villanova and then play I-A newcomer Buffalo, so an improved winning percentage is a possibility.

Senior quarterback Mike McMahon, coming off a shoulder injury, is one of six

returning starters on an offense that must replace four linemen. McMahon missed the final six games of the season, clearing the way for Chad Schwenk, who as a true freshman passed for 845 yards. Whoever plays quarterback will have excellent targets in receivers Walter King and Errol Johnson and tight end L.J. Smith (26 catches, 418 yards, three TDs). Dennis Thomas, Rutgers' fullback last season, takes over at tailback for the departed Jacki Crooks. Junior Steven Barone, the team's leading scorer with 30 points in 1999, returns at kicker.

Shea's defense lost about half its starters to season-ending injuries last year. The Scarlet Knights were forced to rely heavily on freshmen and walk-ons and, not surprisingly, allowed a conference-worst 38.8 points per game and 433.6 yards per game. Of the four returning players who started at least four games on defense, three are backs: Tony Berry, Nate Colon and Shahib White. The only veteran in the front seven is nose tackle Tom Petko. The return of several players from the injured list, including backs Garrett Shea, Tarell Freeney and DeWayne Thompson, should bolster a defense that's switching from a 4-3 to a 3-4 scheme. Promising linebackers include Bob Bender and Wes Robertson.

Mike McMahon, Rutgers



LEFT: TOMASSO DEROSA, RIGHT: FRANK DIBRANGO

BIG TEN

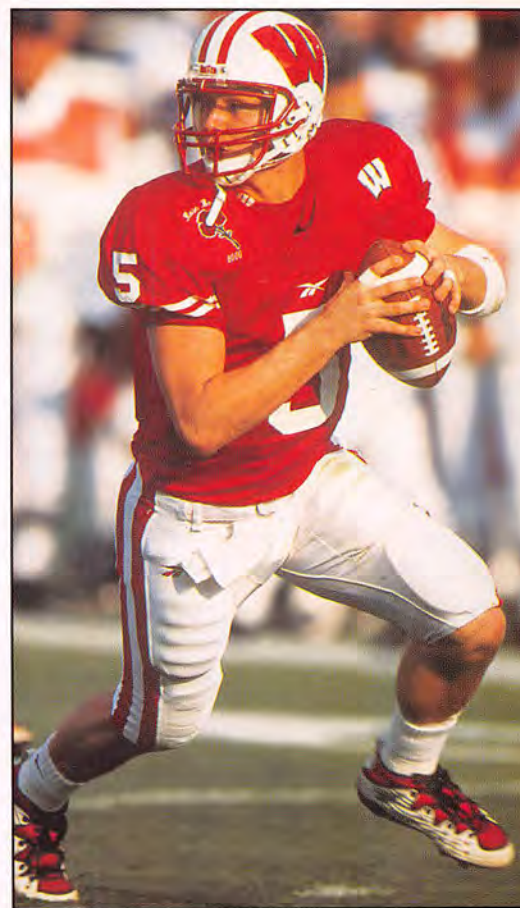
This is not your father's Big Ten anymore—Badgers rule.

BY LARRY LAGE
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The days of the Big Two (Michigan and Ohio State) and the Little Eight are gone in the Big Ten. This storied conference has become more like the Big Nine and the Little Two (Northwestern and Iowa). Wisconsin and Penn State have been elite programs in the conference for several years, while Michigan State joined the mix last season. Four schools—Purdue, Illinois, Minnesota and Indiana—hired new coaches four years ago that were good for their programs and bad for the top-tier teams in the conference. The Boilermakers, Fighting Illini and Golden Gophers have all made it to bowl games since then, while the Hoosiers won three Big Ten games last season for the first time since 1994.

With such parity and just eight conference games, who a team doesn't play is almost as important as who they do. The Badgers don't need a break from the schedule-makers to win a third straight Big Ten title, but they're getting one. Wisconsin doesn't play Penn State or Illinois this season. One could make an argument that the Wolverines are the best team in the Big Ten, but not playing Iowa or Minnesota makes for a brutal schedule. The Fighting Illini will shock some by finishing third, in part because they won't face Purdue or Wisconsin. It's strange to see the Buckeyes and Nittany Lions in the middle of the pack, but that's the reality of today's Big Ten.

A player from this conference has won the Heisman Trophy in three of the past five years (Wisconsin's Ron Dayne in '99, Michigan's Charles Woodson in '97 and Ohio State's Eddie George in '95) and there's a good chance it will produce a fourth in six years. Purdue quarterback Drew Brees, who finished fourth last year in the voting, will be the front-runner for the coveted award.



Brooks Bollinger, Wisconsin

PREDICTIONS

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| 1. Wisconsin | 7. Michigan State |
| 2. Michigan | 8. Minnesota |
| 3. Illinois | 9. Indiana |
| 4. Purdue | 10. Iowa |
| 5. Ohio State | 11. Northwestern |
| 6. Penn State | |

1 WISCONSIN BADGERS

The Badgers have the most underrated program in college football. When people talk about the most successful teams of the past of couple years, Wisconsin isn't mentioned—but it should be. The Badgers are the only ones with a 2-0 record in the Bowl Championship Series and they've gone 21-3 during that time. Wisconsin is also the first Big Ten team to win back-to-back Rose Bowls.

The folks in Madison don't need to cry in their beer or choke on brats, because there is life after Ron Dayne. Wisconsin will win

a third straight Big Ten title, which will mark the best streak since Michigan won or shared the conference crown from 1988-92. Sure, the Heisman Trophy winner and NCAA record-setting running back will be missed—and not just by the local buffets. But the Badgers welcome back eight starters on offense, eight on defense and every facet of the best special teams units in the country.

Coach Barry Alvarez will show his flexibility with a balanced attack this fall. Sophomore Brooks Bollinger, a mobile quarterback with a solid arm, will show that he can do more than just hand the ball off. Senior Chris Chambers and Nick Davis, one of the best return specialists in the country, will lead the receiving corps. Junior running back Michael Bennett is as fast as Dayne is big. A big and talented offensive line, led by senior center Casey Rabach, will make sure Wisconsin has a 1,000-yard rusher for the eighth straight year.

The defense is led by the best cornerback in the nation, junior Jamar Fletcher, who is joined by two returning starters in the secondary. Five

of the front seven, led by junior lineman Wendell Bryant, will make it tough for any offense to get much accomplished.

2 MICHIGAN WOLVERINES

The moment Michigan fans have been waiting for is here. Junior Drew Henson will lead the Wolverines at quarterback. Some worried that the prep phenom, from just 20 miles north at Brighton High School, wouldn't be patient enough to back up Tom Brady for two years while the New York Yankees had millions waiting for him if he decided to play third base full-time. In 18 games, Henson has completed 49.6 percent of his passes for 800 yards with six touchdowns and three interceptions. His results should improve dramatically with an awesome surrounding cast.

Junior David Terrell, who might be the best receiver in the nation, won't be Henson's lone target. Junior receiver Marquise Walker and junior tight end Shawn Thompson are talented enough to hurt teams if they're not

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE: QB-Drew Brees, Purdue
DEFENSE: CB-Jamar Fletcher, Wisconsin
NEWCOMER: WR-Charles Rogers, Michigan State

GAMES TO WATCH

Michigan at Illinois September 23
Wisconsin at Michigan September 30
Ohio State at Wisconsin October 7

Purdue at Wisconsin October 14
Illinois at Penn State October 28
Michigan at Ohio State November 18



Jeff Backus, Michigan

respected. Senior running back Anthony Thomas wisely put his dreams of playing in the NFL on hold. Thomas will be more effective if he can carry the load with speedy sophomore Justin Fargas, who missed all of last season with a broken leg. An imposing offensive line, with four returning starters led by senior guard Steve Hutchinson and senior tackle Jeff Backus, should allow Michigan to execute a balanced attack.

There are as many questions on defense as answers on offense. Gone are five players from a front seven that helped win the 1997 national championship. Senior defensive tackle Eric Wilson and sophomore linebacker Victor Hobson, who started last year, can't be 12th and 10th on the team in tackles,

respectively, again. Junior linebacker Larry Foote will combine his athleticism, intelligence and enthusiasm to be an impact player. All four starters from the secondary are back, but that won't be good news unless they shed the label of "The Suspects."

3 ILLINOIS FIGHTING ILLINI

The Fighting Illini will not sneak up on anybody this season, but they won't have to because they will be that good. Illinois went 8-4 last season, its best mark since 1990, just a year after going 3-8 and two years after being winless in coach Ron Turner's first season. Illinois became the first team to beat Michigan and Ohio State on the road in the same season since

1951. And just for good measure, its 46-20 win in Columbus marked the Buckeyes' worst loss at home ever. The Illini's breakout year ended with an eye-popping 63-21 demolition of Virginia in the MicronPC Bowl, the first postseason game for the program since 1995.

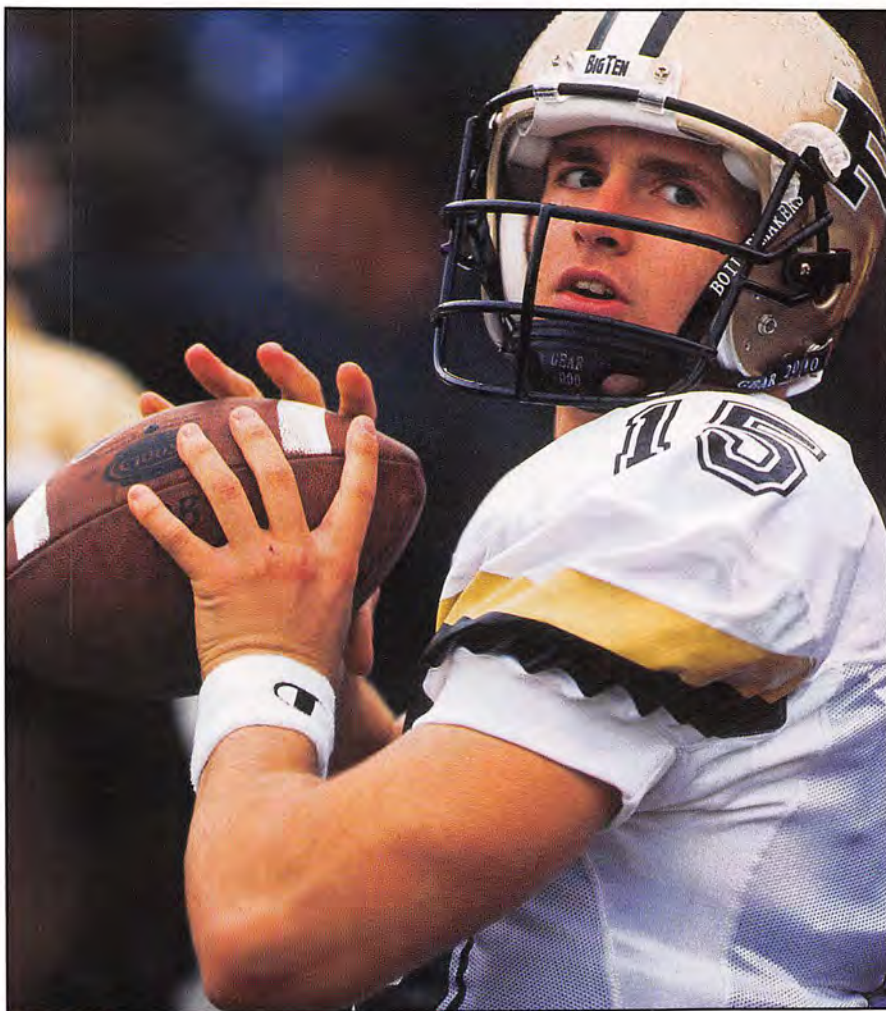
Illinois brings back 10 starters from the highest-scoring offense in school history. It will evolve into one the best offenses in college football this year. Junior quarterback Kurt Kittner, the best signal-caller you've never heard of, leads the way. Kittner completed 54.5 percent of his passes last season for 2,702 yards with an unbelievable touchdown-to-interception ratio of 24-to-5. Sophomore receiver Brandon Lloyd will burst onto the national scene as Kittner's No. 1 target. Junior Rocky Harvey and sophomore Antoinio Harris provide a potent one-two punch at running back. The offense will run smoothly behind five returning starters on the line, led by senior tackle Marques Sullivan, whom NFL scouts are drooling over, and sophomore Ray Redziniak.

Exactly how good the Fighting Illini are is up to the defense, which returns just four starters. This inexperienced unit needs to make the same strides that a young Illinois offense made last season. Look for junior strong safety Bobby Jackson, who missed last year with a knee injury, to smack people around.

4 PURDUE BOILERMAKERS

That sigh of relief that you just heard came from West Lafayette, Indiana, where they're still thrilled that quarterback Drew Brees said no to the millions awaiting him in the NFL and yes to his senior season. Don't be fooled by the skeptics who think Brees is just a product of coach Joe Tiller's run-and-shoot offense. Granted, if he wasn't at Purdue he wouldn't put up the gaudy numbers he has (8,124 passing yards and 64 touchdowns), but he still would be the nation's best quarterback in any system. Brees is so accurate with his passes that he can just about toss a football through a Fruit Loop. He will probably leave Purdue with a Heisman Trophy in tow.

Purdue's offense will be electric with Brees orchestrating. Senior receiver Vinny Sutherland, who reminds some of the Atlanta Falcons' speedy Tim Dwight, and junior tight end Tim Stratton will catch so many passes their hands will hurt. Sophomore running back Montrell Lowe will make defenses



Drew Brees, Purdue

respect the run after rushing for 841 yards and five touchdowns last fall. Four returning starters on the offensive line will keep this offensive machine running smoothly.

The defense returns just five starters, four of whom are defensive linemen or linebackers. Linebackers Willie Fells and Mike Rose, along with their combined six years of starting experience, can't be replaced. To help the depleted linebacking corps, junior Akin Ayodele will likely move from defensive end to outside linebacker. He made 11 sacks and eight other tackles for loss last year. Purdue needs junior linebacker Jason Loerzel to be healthy after having knee surgery last November. Senior cornerback Chris Clopton leads an inexperienced secondary.

5 OHIO STATE BUCKEYES

The Buckeyes didn't have "rebuilding" in their vocabulary until last year. Prior to last season's 6-6 mark, Ohio State was able to reload annually regardless of how

many players took their skills to the NFL. The Buckeyes didn't qualify for a bowl for the first time since coach John Cooper took the reins of the program in 1988, when they finished 4-6-1.

The dean of Big Ten coaches hopes his 13th season in the league isn't an unlucky one. Cooper shook up his staff in the offseason, hoping to turn a tide that they're not used to riding in Columbus. Two new coaches were hired and five assistants have new roles this season. Cooper says his team needs to get its

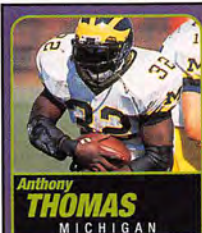
swagger back after getting kicked around last season. The Buckeyes will be back in a bowl this season, but they won't exactly be sticking out their chests with pride at the Alamo or Sun Bowl.

Ohio State ranked last in the conference in turnover margin, which is the most telling statistic in football. Junior quarterback Steve Bellisari was 11th in the Big Ten in passing efficiency. Cooper will make use of Bellisari's running ability by rolling him out of the pocket more often, but he's crossing his fingers that Bellisari will know when to run and when to pass. Senior receivers Ken-Yon Rambo and Reggie Germany provide a bright spot after combining for 84 catches, 1,489 yards and seven touchdowns last year. Seniors Derek Combs and Jerry Westbrooks, along with junior Jonathan Wells, will rotate at running back.

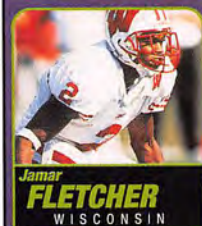
Junior cornerback Nate Clements must play at an All-Big Ten level on a unit that returns seven players with some starting experience. Na'il Diggs would've helped himself and Ohio State if he didn't make the decision to turn pro.

6 PENN STATE NITTANY LIONS

Just take a look at the first two picks in the NFL Draft to see two holes the Nittany Lions have to fill. Cleveland took defensive end Courtney Brown with the first pick and Washington selected linebacker LaVar Arrington with the second. Look a little further and you'll see that Penn State's defense will be without All-America linebacker Brandon Short, All-Big Ten cornerback David Macklin and five other starters on defense. The new-look defense will also be without defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky, who retired after coaching in Happy Valley for the



Anthony THOMAS
MICHIGAN



Jamar FLETCHER
WISCONSIN

ALL-BIG TEN TEAM

OFFENSE

QB Drew Brees	SR Purdue
RB Anthony Thomas	SR Michigan
RB T.J. Duckett	SO Michigan St.
WR Vinny Sutherland	SR Purdue
WR David Terrell	JR Michigan
TE Tim Stratton	JR Purdue
OL Bill Ferrario	SR Wisconsin
OL Ben Hamilton	SR Minnesota
OL Steve Hutchinson	SR Michigan
OL Casey Rabach	SR Wisconsin
OL Marques Sullivan	SR Illinois
PK Vitaly Pisetsky	SR Wisconsin

DEFENSE

DL Wendell Bryant	JR Wisconsin
DL Akin Ayodele	SR Purdue
DL John Schlecht	SR Minnesota
DL Justin Kurpeikis	SR Penn State
LB Kevin Bentley	JR Northwestern
LB Larry Foote	JR Michigan
LB T.J. Turner	SR Michigan St.
DB Jamar Fletcher	JR Wisconsin
DB Renaldo Hill	SR Michigan St.
DB Willie Middlebrooks	JR Minnesota
DB Nate Clements	JR Ohio State
P Kevin Stemke	SR Wisconsin

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past 32 years. The lone returning starters on defense, senior defensive end Justin Kurpeikis and sophomore defensive tackle Jimmy Kennedy, probably have to combine for 15 sacks and 20 tackles for loss to make this unit respectable.

But Joe Paterno, who is entering his 35th year as head coach, wouldn't have signed a new contract that will take him through the 2004 season if he didn't think the Nittany Lions could roar again.

Penn State's offense will have to be absolutely dominant for the team to emerge from the middle of the pack. There's hope there with seven starters back. Quarterback Rashard Casey, whose legal troubles surrounding an assault charge could cloud his senior season, is more than capable of causing nightmares for opponents with his shifty running style and adequate arm. Junior Eric McCoo, who has led Penn State in rushing the past two years,

Ken-Yon Rambo, Ohio State



Eric McCoo, Penn State

should have his first 1,000-yard season with some help from bruising senior fullback Mike Cerimele. Junior receiver Eddie Drummond has to go from good to great, and tight ends Tony Stewart and John Gilmore must make defenses respect them as receiving threats. Three solid starters on the offensive line return.

7 MICHIGAN STATE SPARTANS

It wouldn't matter if Nick Saban, Bobby Bowden or Bill Parcells were coaching the Spartans this season. They would still be mediocre after seven players were taken in the NFL Draft, including receiver Plaxico Burress and linebacker Julian Peterson, who were selected with the eighth and 16th picks overall, respectively.

When Saban bolted for the \$6 million contract that Louisiana State dangled over him, running backs coach Bobby Williams was promoted to head coach a month before the Citrus Bowl. The players responded well to Williams' calm approach—after growing tired of Saban's strictly-business style—

with a win over Florida in the Gators' back yard. Saban deserves credit for taking MSU's program from struggling to solid; then in his fifth season to the Spartans' second 10-win season in their 103 years of football; and to a prestigious New Year's Day bowl for the first time since the 1988 Rose Bowl. But the program is not equipped to handle the departure of so many impact players, unless a lot of potential turns into production overnight.

Junior quarterback Ryan Van Dyke will throw early and often to perhaps the best pair of tight ends in the country, senior Ivory McCoy and junior Chris Baker. Freshman receiver Charles Rogers, national recruiting expert Tom Lemming's National Player of the Year, is being counted on to live up to the hype. Sophomore T.J. Duckett, a bowling ball of a running back, is a future Heisman Trophy candidate.

The defense has to cope with the loss of its top three pass rushers (Peterson, Robaire Smith and Hubert Thompson) and strong

safety Aric Morris, who had 40 more tackles than any of his teammates. Senior cornerback Renaldo Hill and senior linebacker T.J. Turner can't do it all alone. MSU will win just enough games to be the Big Ten's seventh team in a bowl game.

8 MINNESOTA GOLDEN GOPHERS

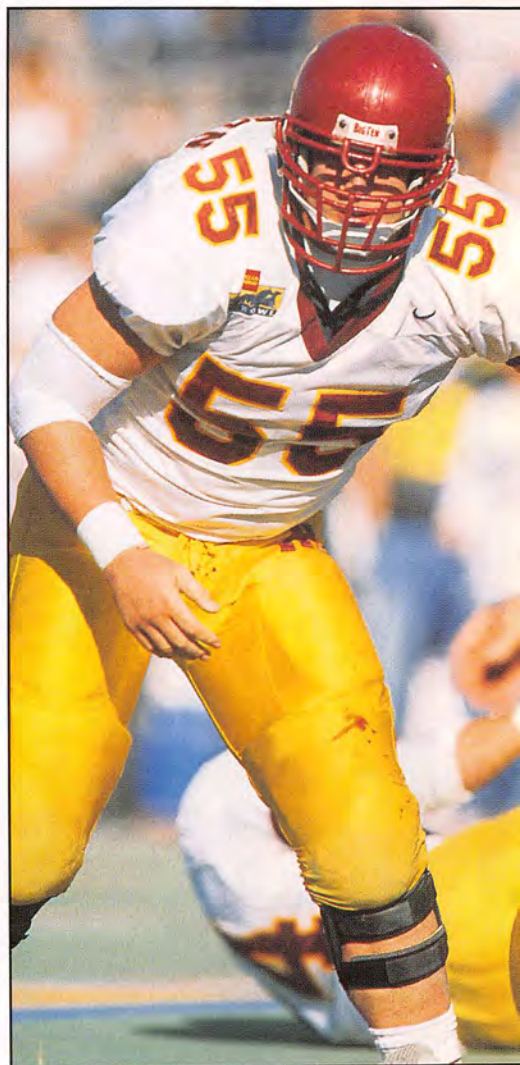
Hopefully, Golden Gopher fans enjoyed last year because their team will slip back in the relentless Big Ten. Minnesota was 8-4 last season, its best record since 1967. It rose as high as 12th in the polls, reaching the highest peak since 1962. And the Golden Gophers were invited to the Sun Bowl, their first postseason appearance in 14

T.J. Duckett, Michigan State



years. Minnesota's defense will be solid, a trademark of any Glen Mason team, but it will tire late in games because the offense will often go three-and-out.

Minnesota returns just five starters on offense. The loss of quarterback Billy Cockerham, four of the top five receivers and running back Thomas Hammer is too much to overcome for this rebuilding program. However, the strength of the team will be on the offensive line. Four starters return, including senior center Ben Hamilton, who is a legitimate Outland Trophy and Lombardi Award candidate. It will be interesting to see if senior Andy Persby, who is a slow, drop-back passer, or redshirt freshman Asad Abdul-Khaliq, who is very elusive, will get the nod at quarterback. Look for redshirt freshman Thomas Tapheh, a local product, to emerge at running back. Junior receiver Ron



Ben Hamilton, Minnesota

Johnson, who caught five touchdown passes in the last five games, must continue to produce.

Eight starters return to a stingy defense that gave up just 16.3 points a game last year. But coping with the loss of two-time All-America safety Tyrone Carter will not be easy. Opposing quarterbacks should fear senior defensive end Karon Riley, who led the Big Ten with 16 sacks, and senior linebacker Ben Mezera, who had 12 sacks last year. Senior defensive tackle Jon Schlecht and senior linebacker Sean Hoffmann love to stuff the run.

9 INDIANA HOOSIERS

Hoosiers coach Cam Cameron firmly believes that he has the talent in place to beat any team on the schedule. But he also knows that if his team doesn't play up to its potential, there isn't a team that can't beat the Hoosiers. It's hard to imagine being

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Antwaan Randle El, Indiana

upbeat about coming off a 3-8 record in the conference, but that's the most games an Indiana team has won in the Big Ten since 1994. Indiana probably will be a better team than it was a year ago, with eight returning starters on both sides of the ball, but it won't be reflected in the standings because of the top-to-bottom strength of the Big Ten. That has to be frustrating for Cameron.

Quarterback Antwaan Randle El is one of the five best quarterbacks in the country, but he's the second best in the state behind Purdue's Drew Brees. The mercury-like junior has thrown for 3,000 yards and scampered for 1,500 yards faster than any college football player. If Indiana's team was as good as Virginia Tech's was last year, Randle El would be showered nationally with the hype Michael Vick has earned.

If an inexperienced offensive line plays well, Indiana should have a balanced attack.

Junior running back Levron Williams ran for 817 yards and four touchdowns last season. Seniors Jerry Dorsey, Versie Gaddis and O.J. Conner and junior college transfer Henry Frazier give Randle El plenty of options when he passes.

On defense, junior Kemp Rasmussen will lead a group of as many as nine players on the defensive line. All three linebackers are back, led by junior Justin Smith, who made a team-high 89 tackles last year. The secondary improved toward the end of last season and, with three starters back, that should continue.

10 IOWA HAWKEYES

Second-year coach Kirk Ferentz prefers to say the Hawkeyes are reshaping rather than rebuilding. Call it what you want, but there's not much hope for Iowa this season. But after going winless in the Big Ten in 1999, the Hawkeyes should be able to

improve to 1-7 this season when fellow cellar-dweller Northwestern visits Kinnick Stadium on November 11. They can thank the schedulers for at least having the Wildcats on the schedule. Iowa didn't get blown out of every game last season. Actually, Northwestern picked up its lone conference win over the Hawkeyes on the last play of the game, while Minnesota and Indiana didn't secure a victory over them until the final seconds.

Seven starters return on offense. Senior quarterback Scott Mullen completed 55.8 percent of his passes last year for 1,415 yards with five touchdowns and seven interceptions. Junior running back Ladell Betts somehow managed to run for 857 yards and

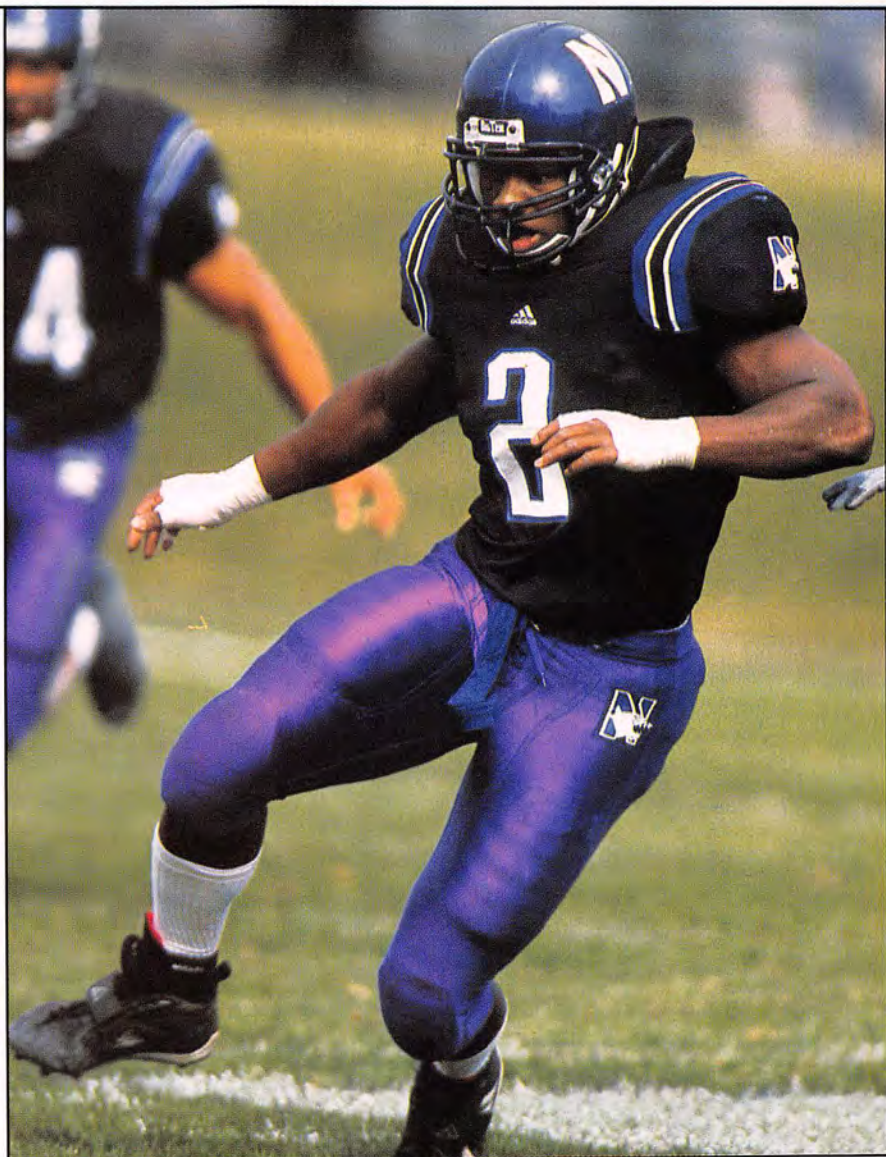
Kevin Kasper, Iowa



LEFT TO RIGHT: JOE ROBBINS, VINCENT MUZIK

five touchdowns. The top four receivers from last year are back, led by Kevin Kasper, who caught 60 passes for 664 yards and three touchdowns. Junior Kahlil Hill returns after serving a one-season suspension for undisclosed reasons. He should give Iowa a deep-receiving threat if the offensive line, with four returning starters, can hold off the pass rush well enough.

On defense, six starters are back. Five of those players are defensive linemen or linebackers. Junior Aaron Kampman, who made 103 tackles last year, leads the group. Kampman moved from linebacker to defensive end during spring practice. The front seven better harass opposing quarterbacks because three of last year's starters in the secondary are gone.



Kevin Bentley, Northwestern

11 NORTHWESTERN WILDCATS

Why have the Wildcats gone from winning back-to-back Big Ten titles in 1995 and 1996 back to the bottom of the Big Ten? Because former coach Gary Barnett, who left for Colorado last year, was too busy looking for other coaching jobs during that small window of opportunity that Northwestern had just a few years ago. The result: Just two seniors played last year and only a handful will be available this year.

Second-year coach Randy Walker, who left Miami of Ohio as its all-time winningest coach, is a good guy and a good coach, but he wasn't left with much to work with. Nineteen starters return from last year's 3-8 team, and even Walker admits that's not necessarily a good thing. But he has been encouraged by his players' commitment to get stronger and faster.

Seven starters are back on offense, led by junior running back Damien Anderson. He somehow ran for 1,128 yards and three touchdowns last season when teams didn't need to respect Northwestern's passing game. With four offensive linemen back, the Wildcats will look to control the clock, with Anderson carrying much of the load. Junior quarterback Zak Kustok, who transferred from Notre Dame, was thrown into the fire last season with the hope that it would pay off this year. Somebody needs to step up as a receiving threat, especially after the departure of dependable tight end Jay Tant. It could be senior receiver Teddy Johnson.

On defense, 10 starters are back from a group that was pretty good last season but wilted after being on the field so long because of the team's inept offense. The Wildcats don't have much to boast about, but they can be proud of junior linebacker Kevin Bentley, who led the Big Ten with 13.5 tackles a game. ■

BIG 12

This may be the year all dreams come true for loaded Big 12.

BY BLAIR KERKHOFF
KANSAS CITY STAR

Hopes soared for the Big 12 when it opened for business in 1996. In the final year of the Big Eight, Nebraska ran away with the national championship and three other teams finished in the top 10. Three of the four Southwest Conference teams joining the new league were ranked.

The Big 12 hasn't come close to that kind of success in four years. Oh, the 'Huskers shared the national championship in 1997. Twice, the league has delivered two teams to Bowl Championship Series games. But there's been nothing like the we-will-rule-the-nation power envisioned by league founders.

But in 2000 the Big 12 may be closer to the dream than recent reality. Two teams—Nebraska and Kansas State—will be close enough to the top in preseason polls to perhaps turn their November 11 meeting into an Orange Bowl semifinal. Texas is also looking like a top 10 contender.

Those three usually have been at or near the top since the Big 12 dawned. This year the league should have to loosen its belt a notch or two to accommodate the expanding midsection of bowl contenders. Oklahoma and Colorado are dropping hints of returning to glory times. Texas Tech fans are buzzing over a new offense. Expectations are higher at Oklahoma State, Kansas, Missouri and Iowa State simply because the coaching staffs have been around long enough to pay off on promises.

The same could be said for the league itself. A split national title to show for four years' work is behind schedule. Anything less than an Orange Bowl appearance and a second team in the BCS—especially if it's a Kansas State program that's been passed over for a high-profile game the previous two years—would be considered a big disappointment.

PREDICTIONS

NORTH DIVISION

1. Nebraska
2. Kansas State
3. Colorado
4. Kansas
5. Iowa State
6. Missouri

SOUTH DIVISION

1. Texas
2. Oklahoma
3. Texas Tech
4. Texas A&M
5. Oklahoma State
6. Baylor

NORTH DIVISION

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NEBRASKA

CORNHUSKERS

At Nebraska, success is measured in levels of acceptability. The 1998 team, coach Frank Solich's first, ended up 9-4. Unacceptable. Last year's 12-1, less unacceptable bordering on acceptable. Perfection was preferred.

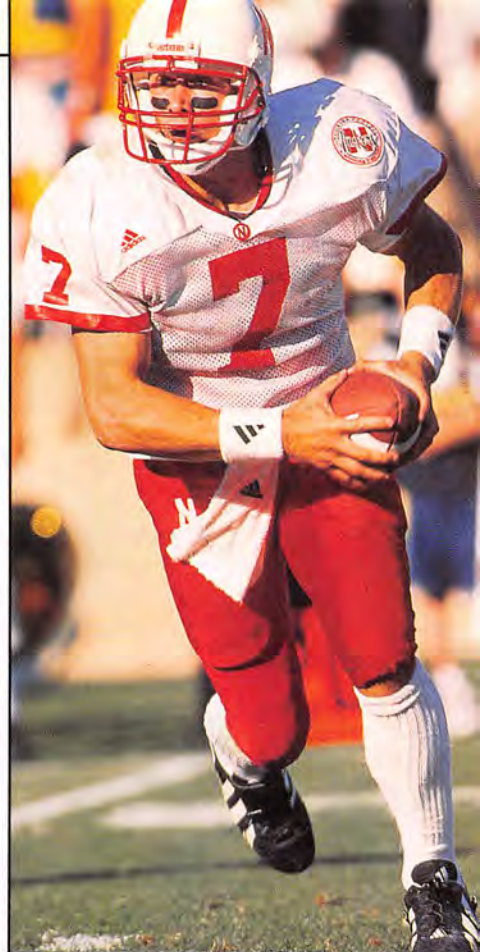
And it almost happened. The reason why Virginia Tech and not the Cornhuskers met Florida State in the Sugar Bowl was Nebraska's midseason loss at Texas in which it blew a big second-half lead. The Cornhuskers

pushed the Longhorns around most of the day until Texas, taking advantage of Nebraska turnovers, struck late.

About the turnovers. It's remarkable the Cornhuskers found a dozen victories as often as they put the ball on the turf. Fumbles happen in an option offense, but 49 with 25 lost? How about a 10-fumble game against Kansas State? Eight more against Colorado. If nothing else, Nebraska will take better care of the ball this season. It can't get any worse.

But enough of the bad news. There really wasn't enough to harp on. Solich rebounded nicely from the four-loss post-Tom Osborne year, and his defining moment may have happened between games two and three.

Things seemed to be unraveling. Running back DeAngelo Evans had quit. Another back, Correll Buckhalter, was grouching, and the fans were mad that quarterback Bobby Newcombe was starting over Eric Crouch. After the second game, Solich made the switch, moving Newcombe to his original college position of wingback.



Eric Crouch, Nebraska

After a shaky start and narrow escape against Southern Mississippi, Crouch settled in. When backs weren't fumbling, the option rolled to 266 yards rushing per game, with Crouch leading the way. He became the first quarterback to lead the 'Huskers in rushing (889 yards) since 1955 and his 16 rushing touchdowns led the nation's QBs.

The I-back stable of Dan Alexander, Buckhalter and Dahrran Diedrick return, and the concern (aside from fumbling) is breakaway speed. These guys are strong and powerful, and Alexander did break off an 80-yarder at Colorado, but there isn't much turn-the-corner jet speed there. Junior college transfer Thunder Collins might provide it, but he's not eligible until fall.

Center Dominic Raiola looms as the program's next great offensive lineman. Tight end Tracey Wistrom got the family's good hands (brother Grant got the snarly disposition, which works well as an NFL lineman) and split end Matt Davison is enough of a pass-catching threat to keep defenses honest.

Bigger holes have to be plugged on defense, where six starters, including All-America defensive backs Mike Brown and

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE: QB-Major Applewhite, Texas
DEFENSE: DL-Casey Hampton, Texas
NEWCOMER: WR-B.J. Johnson, Texas

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Oklahoma at Kansas State October 14
Nebraska at Kansas State November 11

Ralph Brown are gone. But a solid front line of Chris Kelsay, Loran Kaiser, Jeremy Slechta and Kyle Vanden Bosch is in place. Middle linebacker Carlos Polk is a terrific one, and although the secondary suffered the greatest losses, you've got cornerbacks Keyuo Craver and Erwin Swiney, free safeties Dion Booker and Clint Finley and rover Joe Walker who have all started.

Throw in what might be the nation's best kicking game in punter Dan Hadenfeldt and placekicker Josh Brown, and the pieces are in place for a more acceptable 2000 season.



ALL-BIG 12 TEAM

OFFENSE

QB	Major Applewhite	JR	Texas
RB	Hodges Mitchell	SR	Texas
RB	Cortlen Johnson	JR	Colorado
WR	Quincy Morgan	SR	Kansas St.
WR	Javon Green	SR	Colorado
TE	Tracey Wistrom	JR	Nebraska
OL	Dominic Raiola	JR	Nebraska
OL	Russ Hochstein	SR	Nebraska
OL	Leonard Davis	SR	Texas
OL	Randall Cummins	SR	Kansas St.
OL	Josh Lind	SR	Oklahoma St.
K	Jamie Rheem	SR	Kansas St.

DEFENSE

DL	Justin Smith	JR	Missouri
DL	Casey Hampton	SR	Texas
DL	Mario Fatafehi	SR	Kansas St.
DL	Shaun Rogers	SR	Texas
LB	Jashon Sykes	JR	Colorado
LB	Rocky Calmus	JR	Oklahoma
LB	Carlos Polk	SR	Nebraska
DB	Jarrod Cooper	SR	Kansas St.
DB	Kevin Curtis	JR	Texas Tech
DB	Gary Baxter	SR	Baylor
DB	Michael Jameson	SR	Texas A&M
P	Dan Hadenfeldt	SR	Nebraska

2 KANSAS STATE WILDCATS

The talk is of 1998. Can this team be as good or better than the one that reached No. 1 in the coaches' poll late in the season and stood undefeated entering the Big 12 championship game?

There are some differences, namely at quarterback. In 1998, Michael Bishop was working his magic in a Heisman Trophy runner-up

Aaron Lockett, Kansas State



season. Entering this year, Jonathan Beasley, a fifth-year senior, would have to climb over a few candidates to reach all-conference status. And he's being pushed by redshirt freshman Eli Roberson.

Beasley wasn't bad at all, passing for 1,805 yards and 14 touchdowns for the nation's sixth-ranked team. His completions averaged 20.1 yards, second nationally to Virginia Tech's Michael Vick (20.2). But Beasley completed only 44.3 percent.

"We throw the ball downfield a lot and you'd like to think that decreases your completion percentage a bit," Kansas State coach Bill Snyder says. "By the same token, we need a higher completion percentage."

Roberson one day will give Kansas State the kind of run-pass option Bishop once did. Whether that happens this season is up to Beasley, who must step up his game. Wide receivers Quincy Morgan and Aaron Lockett (75 catches between them) are the deep threats.

Running back also could produce a battle. David Allen gained 364 yards last season, but would K-State be better off letting him do what he does best, returning kicks? Allen already has tied the NCAA record with seven touchdowns on punt returns, and his two last year (at Iowa State and Texas) helped change the tone of those games.

Josh Scobey, a transfer from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M who originally pledged to Kansas State out of high school, arrived on campus early enough to go through spring workouts and will push Allen for time. He's a big-time catch for the Wildcats, and gained 2,423 yards and scored 31 touchdowns in his junior college career.

Joe Hall, a bruising back who led K-State with 613 yards last season, is out of the picture until he gets his grades in order.

The Wildcats lost three top-notch defensive players in linebacker Mark Simoneau, the

Butkus Award runner-up, end Darren Howard and safety Lamar Chapman. But K-State likes their replacements, especially safety Jon McGraw and end Chris Johnson.

Defensively, K-State should be better than in 1998, and not fall off much from last year's unit that ranked second to Mississippi State in total defense. The front and back are solid. Tackle Mario Fatafehi rates among the nation's best, and returning starting ends Monty Beisel and Cliff Holloman give the 'Cats experience up front.

Hard-hitting strong safety Jarrod Cooper bids for All-America honors and corners Dyshod Carter and Jerametrious Butler are excellent cover men. The inexperience comes at linebacker, where only Ben Leber returns.

Placekicking is solid with Lou Groza Award finalist Jamie Rheem. The Wildcats signed a highly regarded high school punter in Jared Brite.

The non-conference schedule, as usual, isn't formidable. The big game, as usual, is Nebraska. That game's in Manhattan this year and an Orange Bowl berth may be on the line.

3 COLORADO BUFFALOES

From the beginning to the end of 1999, no Big 12 team made more progress than Colorado.

The Buffs opened with a humiliating 41-14 loss to Colorado and finished with a 62-28 slapping of Boston College in the Insight.com Bowl. A 7-5 record wasn't a bad start to the Gary Barnett era.

Barnett had returned to the school where he served as an assistant during some of the glory years (1984-91). He promised a program that would be built on toughness and would bear little resemblance to the finesse team predecessor Rick Neuheisel left behind.

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Javon Green, Colorado

The problem was, Barnett had to reshape Neuheisel's players. Most bought into the system and even welcomed the change. They felt much better about things once they put Colorado State in the rearview mirror.

The high point may have actually come in a loss. The Buffaloes trailed Nebraska 27-3 entering the fourth quarter of the traditional finale. But they forged a tie to force overtime, took a brief lead, but lost 33-30. Barnett may have won over more fans in that defeat than in any Colorado victory last season.

Now comes the difficult part: continuing to reshape the program that was geared for a strong run last season with nine senior starters, including four offensive linemen and quarterback Mike Moschetti.

Where the Buffs are strong, the units are among the Big 12's best. Linebacker Jashon

Sykes took over a new defensive position, the "hawk" (one of two inside slots) and became a stud. He finished second in the league in tackles (134), the first time a sophomore has led Colorado in that department in a decade. The other inside spot belongs to Ty Gregorak, a fierce hitter.

Running back Cortlen Johnson, the bowl game MVP, could emerge as one of the league's best, although he'll be running behind a revamped line. One of the nation's top recruits, Denver running back Marcus Houston, also will get his shot at the position.

The secondary returns one starter, strong safety Michael Lewis, and nose tackle Justin Bannan will make a pitch for all-league honors.

Quarterback remains the biggest question. Will it be last year's top reserve, Zac Colvin, or junior college transfer Bobby Pesavento. Colvin led entering the spring, lost the No. 1 job, then made a spirited charge in the spring game. The winner will throw to all-conference receiver Javon Green.

Veteran Colorado-watchers say the position is in the best shape since 1994, when Kordell Stewart started and Koy Detmer relieved. Behind them was Heisman Trophy-winning running back Rashaan Salaam and a fleet of receivers.

No such firepower exists on this team, but enough seems to be in place to give Colorado that look of recent yesteryear. Whether that's enough to match last year's record is another question, because the schedule looks like something out of the Buffaloes' best days, when they met all comers. Southern Cal, Texas and Texas A&M replace San Jose State, Baylor and Texas Tech.



The fourth year is always the big one in a rebuilding project. Nearly every player in the program was recruited by the current staff. The schedules have been adjusted. The quarterback should have had time to learn the system.

It's not a now-or-never situation for Kansas coach Terry Allen. But the Jayhawks want to see continued progress. The next step is a winning season, which hasn't happened since 1995.

Most pieces are in place for a change. We say "most" because Kansas is relying on some junior college transfer talent to shore up its defensive line, and that new blood didn't arrive until August.

But the returning pieces are the best collection in Allen's tenure. Option quarterback Dylon Smith took over the starting role in the middle of last season and energized the offense. There's a nice rushing tandem of 5-7 dynamo David Winbush and 245-pound fullback Moran Norris. The wide receivers group, led by Harrison Hill and Byron Gasaway, is a strength.

Defense has the question marks. Allen signed five junior college defensive linemen to surround the only regular back from a year ago, nose tackle Nate Dwyer. The secondary also gets a juco boost from Jamaree Bryant, who transferred from Phoenix Community College.

The anchor and maybe the team's top player is free safety Carl Nesmith, who came to Kansas as a wide receiver and evolved into the Big 12's Newcomer of the Year.

James Reed, Iowa State



JOHN WILLIAMSON (2)

Is it all enough to become bowl-eligible? Kansas is counting on it.

5 IOWA STATE CYCLONES

One half. One stinking half. It could have made all the difference in the world to Iowa State.

The Cyclones were rolling. Their 3-0 record was the best start since 1981. One of those triumphs, a 28-0 whipping of Nevada-Las Vegas, was their first victory outside the state of Iowa since 1991. Finally, things were headed in the right direction.

Iowa State carried all that momentum into its fourth game, at home against Kansas State, and the Cyclones jumped all over the heavily favored Wildcats and led 28-7 at halftime. You could say that for almost four weeks, Iowa State was a Top 10 team.

Then came the second half. K-State scored 28 in a row to escape by a touchdown and Iowa State went on to lose six of its final seven to finish a devastating 4-7. The Cyclones had some close calls, barely losing to Texas and Colorado. But losses they were, and once again there was no winning record, no bowl game and a share of last place in the division.

"We were much more competitive this year," Iowa State coach Dan McCarney says. "We were disappointed we didn't get a few more wins, but we're closing the gap. That's obvious."

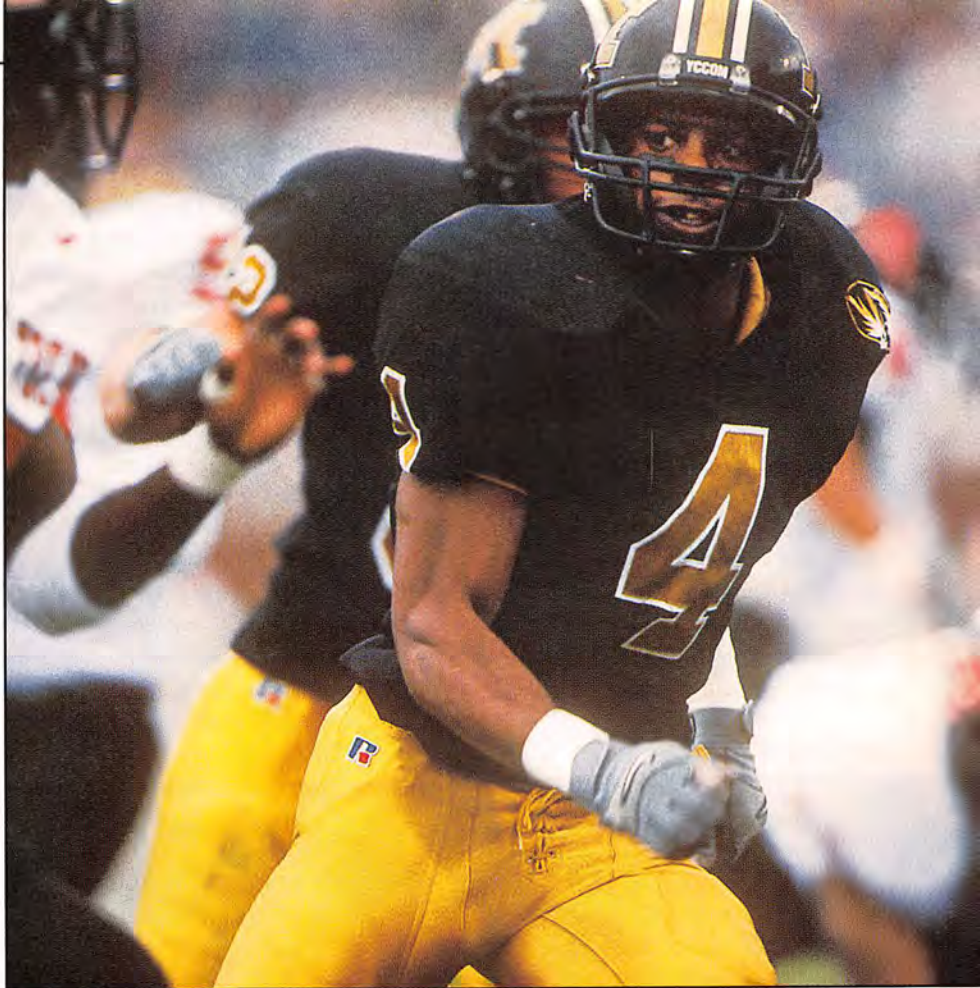
More gap-closing has to be done without the second-leading rusher in school history, Darren Davis. He led the Big 12 with 1,388 yards and ranks only behind brother Troy in the record book.

But enough returns to give Iowa State hope of building on last season. Quarterback Sage Rosenfels is a capable passer/runner. He went 50 yards for a touchdown on his first carry last season and threw for 10 touchdowns. The staff is so confident in Rosenfels they've moved last year's backup, Derrick Walker, to linebacker.

Third-team All-Big 12 tackle James Reed is one of nine returning starters on defense. The offensive line is thin and needs major work.

Turnovers and poor kicking killed the Cyclones last year. They had the Big 12's worst turnover ratio at minus-10 and, because their kicking was so bad, they didn't score on 14 of 41 trips inside the red zone.

"When you start looking at all the missed



Julian Jones, Missouri

opportunities, you start talking about why we didn't score more than 22 points a game last year," McCarney says.

6 MISSOURI TIGERS

A season-ending broken leg to Kirk Farmer settled the Tigers' quarterback battle a year ago. Jim Dougherty was the guy. Farmer's healthy again, and the battle has resumed. Fans, naturally, say Farmer. He's the guy who didn't go 1-5 in the second half of the season.

It may end up being Farmer, who had better numbers in the spring. But neither quarterback dazzled and it may take fall camp to straighten things out. Missouri is working with a new pass-happy system. "A great offense," Farmer insists. "When we get it under our belts we'll be pretty dangerous."

Perhaps the player who will most benefit from the change is wide receiver Travis Garvin, who was running reverses, throwing passes and was generally disruptive in the spring.

There was plenty of blame on both sides of the ball as the Tigers fell from a two-time bowl team to fifth-place entry last season. But the

defensive slide was harder to stomach because much more was expected. Playmakers like end Justin Smith didn't match their 1998 standard when the unit ranked 21st nationally.

Missouri knows it can be better defensively. It starts with Smith, who, when he's on, is a dominating player. Safety Julian Jones, who led the Big 12 with six interceptions, has moved to cornerback to make room for up-and-coming Gary Anthony. Cornerback John McPherson brings a swagger to the unit.

But it's uncertain whether the Tigers can swagger back to the middle-of-the-division standing that got them Holiday and Insight.com bowl bids in 1997 and 1998. There are no easy marks in the division and the Tigers are playing the toughest non-conference schedule in the Big 12.

SOUTH DIVISION

1 TEXAS LONGHORNS

Toss out the beginning and end of Texas' season and you've got a championship team.

The national championship was gone in August, when North Carolina State blocked three punts and beat the Longhorns in the BCA

BIG 12

Classic. The Big 12 championship bid ended when Nebraska avenged a regular-season loss and beat Texas in the league title game.

The Longhorns then took the bitter after-taste of a crushing Cotton Bowl loss to Arkansas—their third straight defeat—into the offseason. At one point Texas was 9-2 and ranked seventh. It finished 9-5 and barely in the polls.

The season also ended with a quarterback question. Not a controversy, mind you, but a question: How much will backup Chris Simms cut into Major Applewhite's time? Applewhite threw for 3,357 yards, 21 touchdowns and was named Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year by the sportswriters.

Simms, the son of former NFL star Phil

Major Applewhite, Texas

Simms, originally said yes to Tennessee before switching shades of UT orange. He didn't redshirt last year and coach Mack Brown says he'll give Simms more playing time this year. So far, everybody's said the right things in this deal and, thus, there's been no controversy. Texas is telling us it's a "win-win situation."

Applewhite hasn't done anything to lose playing time and a platoon system—with a right-handed Applewhite and left-handed Simms—could affect the offense's rhythm. Either one seems good enough to maintain Texas' role as a conference championship contender. Both? We'll see.

The offense is in good shape with running back Hodges Mitchell, who quietly had one of the best seasons in Texas history with 1,346 yards and nine touchdowns. He quickly answered the who's-going-to-replace-Ricky Williams question.

The offensive line, which surrendered 20 sacks in the three-game losing streak, must improve and, although the Longhorns lost wideouts Kwame Cavil and Ryan Nunez (156 combined receptions), the diamonds in one of the nation's top recruiting classes are wide receivers B.J. Johnson, Roy Williams and Sloan Thomas.

Texas entered last year with several questions on defense and performed better than expected. Tackles Casey Hampton and Shaun Rogers were two of the league's best. Hampton became the third tackle to lead Texas in tackles and earned All-America mention. Both were All-Big 12 members.

The Longhorns badly need replacements at end and could use a committee there. The linebackers, led by De'Andre Lewis, and secondary are solid. Texas could use a little more depth on defense.

Better than a 9-5 record is expected. There are 18 returning starters in all, Nebraska and Kansas State are off the schedule, and the Longhorns have as much skill-position talent as anybody in the Big 12. Now, if they can maintain harmony at quarterback, the Horns should take a step up.

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**OKLAHOMA
SOONERS**

Think of everything you know about Oklahoma's football tradition, specifically on offense. Great running backs, defense-breaking wishbone, lightening-quick quarterbacks, 64-0 games.

Now, forget all that—except the score part. The Sooners are piling up the huge numbers again, but not with your father's Oklahoma offense. Bizarre as it was to see the Oklahoma air filled with footballs last season, it's been even stranger to see the once-proud program languish in mediocrity or worse.

Whatever the method, Oklahoma fans demanded change. They got it when Bob Stoops replaced John Blake as coach and hired as offensive coordinator Mike Leach, architect of the Kentucky/Tim Couch arsenal and the new coach at Texas Tech.

Oklahoma had its coaches and philosophy. Now it needed a gunslinger. Enter Josh Heupel, a South Dakotan who started his career at Weber State. When his coach left for Utah State, Heupel transferred to junior college and hoped to follow his coach to the next level.

But at Snow Community College in Utah, Heupel started putting up some astounding

PAUL JASIENSKI



Josh Heupel, Oklahoma

numbers: 2,308 yards and 28 touchdowns while sharing the position. Big schools started calling, none more intriguing than Oklahoma. The Sooners offered a starting role in a new offense and no option game.

The result was a dynamic start, 132 points in three walkovers. Trouble followed as Oklahoma lost big leads and the game to Notre Dame and Texas, but the Sooners rebounded to earn their first bowl trip since 1994.

It's on to bigger and better things, like beating Texas and standing in there with Nebraska, which visits Norman for the first time in four years. Heupel's game will continue under new quarterbacks coach Chuck Long, the former Iowa star. The Sooners' fortunes hinge on replacing three starters on what became an excellent offensive line, developing a running game that will let them sit on leads, and building a defense around some terrific linebackers.

Those "backers"—Torrance Marshall, Rocky Calmus and Roger Steffen—are among the Big 12's best. They'll have to be good. The secondary is talented but inexperienced. Same is true for the wide receivers.

Oklahoma views this season as the next step. The Sooners took many by surprise last year—not because they turned things around under Stoops, but by the way they did it, with a passing game. A more well-rounded team could mean another victory or two, and if those come in the right places, Oklahoma will go a long way toward erasing the nightmarish mid-1990s.

3 TEXAS TECH RED RAIDERS

The Spike Dykes era is over, and a successful one it was. He left Texas Tech as its winningest coach (82-67-1 in 14 seasons) and guided them to one of the two Southwest Conference titles in school history in 1994.

Dykes' last losing season was 1992 and his teams' 19-13 Big 12 record in his four seasons in the new league rates a respectable fifth. Five of his last seven teams went to bowl games. But pressure was building for the Red Raiders to take the next step and Dykes stepped down before the grumbling got too loud.

For a while, it appeared Clemson assistant Rich Rodriguez would get the job. But the Red Raiders plucked Mike Leach from Oklahoma, where he helped resurrect the Sooners' winning ways.

Leach unleashed his pass-first attack at Oklahoma and turned Josh Heupel into one of the nation's most productive quarterbacks. He'll do the same thing at Tech, which finished seventh in Big 12 passing offense last season.

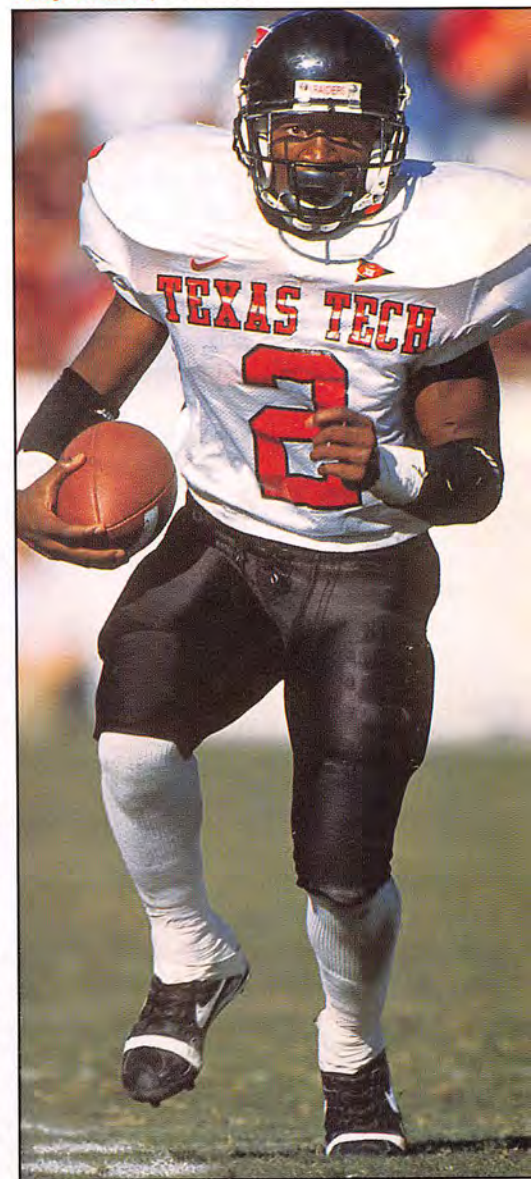
Add Red Raiders quarterback Kliff Kingsbury to this year's passing-leader battle. In the spring game, he passed for 321 yards and three touchdowns. In the previous scrimmage, he threw for 489 yards and three scores. In both scrimmages, Kingsbury topped the numbers of attempts Tech had in any game last season. In the spring game, the Raiders passed on 74 of 100 snaps. They threw 36 percent of the time last year.

The fans are excited. More than 15,000 showed up at the spring game. "I predict he'll be putting up numbers like that every week," says freshman wide receiver Carlos Francis.

One advantage Leach has at Tech that he didn't have at Oklahoma is an established running back to at least present the appearance of balance. Ricky Williams, a Heisman hopeful entering last season, wrecked his knee in the opener and was lost for the year. He finished fourth in the country a year earlier at 143.8 yards rushing per game.

Defensively, Tech will stick with a 4-3 under first-year coordinator Greg McMackin. The goal for the top returning defender, safety Kevin Curtis, will be less activity. He led the Big 12 in tackles with 153, including 93 solo stops. In the final six games he made 98 stops.

Ricky Williams, Texas Tech



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TEXAS A & M AGGIES

Texas A&M became the center of attention for all the wrong reasons last November 18.

The dry wood of the pre-Texas game bonfire, one of the Aggies' many traditions, collapsed, killing 12 students and injuring 27 others. The nation weighed in on the merits of the tradition. The Aggies did the only thing they could do and upset seventh-ranked Texas before a record crowd at College Station the next week to run their home winning streak to 19.

Fortunately, the biggest issues facing the team this season are on the field, namely who will play quarterback.

Spring ball produced no clear-cut winner among Mark Farris, Colby Freeman and Vance Smith, although suspicions were that Farris would get the nod for the opener.

Maybe it's a Chris Weinke thing. You know, the Florida State quarterback who tried baseball first. Farris played in the Pittsburgh Pirate organization for five years before returning to school in 1999. He served as the primary backup for Randy McCown.

Weinke led the Seminoles to an undefeated season and national title last year. Farris

Tony Lindsay, Oklahoma State



Ja'Mar Toombs, Texas A&M

doesn't have that kind of supporting cast, but he is a talent. He's mobile, a necessary quality in today's game, and mature. Farris is 25, married and a father.

Quarterback isn't the only position with a new look. The Aggies will go with redshirt freshman Richard Whitaker at tailback. He rushed for 278 yards a year ago. The familiar face in the backfield is bruising fullback Ja'Mar Toombs, a 6-foot, 260-pound ball of strength who averaged 54.8 yards and scored six touchdowns in league games last

season. He saved his best for last when he went for 126 yards and two touchdowns against the Longhorns.

The usually rugged "Wrecking Crew Defense" slipped some last year. The Aggies surrendered 327 yards and 22 points per game, middle-of-the-road stuff in the Big 12. If there's improvement this year it starts with four returning starting linebackers: Jason Glenn, Roylin Bradley, Brian Gamble and Cornelius Anthony.

Michael Jameson, a second-team all-league pick at strong safety, moves to free safety, while sophomores Sammy Davis and Terrence Kiel will most likely emerge as starters in the secondary.

Quarterback is the key. The Aggies haven't had this kind of uncertainty in a while.

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OKLAHOMA STATE COWBOYS

Coach Bob Simmons didn't need binoculars to see last season's problems. The defense ranked 10th in the country and the offense 92nd.

Gone is offensive coordinator Ron Calcagni, replaced by former Southwest Missouri State head coach Del Miller. He brings more diversity to a team that has relied on the power running game through most of Simmons' tenure. The one-back set offense Oklahoma State plans to run is the one that



helped turn Kansas State into a winner when Miller was there in the early 1990s.

"At this level anymore you have pass to set up the run sometimes, just because of the way people defend you," Simmons says.

It has been easy defending the Cowboys lately. A front line that too often couldn't blast holes made things difficult for a rookie quarterback, B.J. Tiger, who was pressed into duty when starter Tony Lindsay suffered a knee injury in the opener.

Lindsay returned at midseason but didn't flash the same mobility that marked his early career. He was the team's second-leading rusher in 1998 with 592 yards and scored 10 touchdowns. Behind a shaky line in the second half of last season, he was sacked six times by Texas and harassed into three interceptions against Oklahoma.

But with a healthy Lindsay, the Cowboys have a rarity, a senior quarterback with more than three years of starting experience. And he has an offense that should lessen the pressure, although Lindsay will have an entirely new set of wide receivers to break in.

The strength should be the running backs. Jamaal Fobbs is a proven runner and will get his share of attempts. Reggie White has created a buzz around campus. He gained 162 yards and scored three touchdowns in the spring game and could be the program's next star back. Oklahoma State, the school that has produced four NCAA rushing champions, could use the boost. It didn't have a rusher with a 100-yard game last season.

Excitement marks the offensive potential, but there's a little more fear of the unknown on defense. Four linebackers who accounted for 750 career tackles are gone. The Cowboys are looking to Dwayne Levels to step up there. Same for Alvin Porter in the secondary. There's a new defensive coordinator as Mike Cassity moves up from his role with the defensive backs.

6 BAYLOR BEARS

The idea of punching in a pile-on touchdown was to develop an attitude, according to coach Kevin Steele. What developed was a disaster when the Bears fumbled going in and Nevada-Las Vegas returned the ball the length of the field on the final play for a game-winning touchdown.

Who knows how things might have been different had Baylor taken a knee? The Bears were coming off an overtime loss to a Boston



Gary Baxter, Baylor

College team that wound up in a bowl game and would have stood an encouraging 1-1. Instead, they took an 0-2 record and much less spirit into tough encounters with Oklahoma and Texas and lost by a combined 103-10.

After beating North Texas, the Bears lost each of their next six by three touchdowns or more. Steele, a former assistant at Nebraska and Tennessee who returned to college after four years with the Carolina Panthers, suffered through his worst year as a coach.

Onward. This season will be better because it can't get worse. Baylor has upgraded at several positions, even though that means playing more redshirt freshmen than Steele probably would like, such as linebacker Anthony Simmons.

Baylor wasn't bad defensively a year ago. Defensive backs Gary Baxter, Matt Amendola and Daniel Wilturner are solid. But too often they'd be behind 7-0 or 10-3, just waiting for

the offense to do something good. It didn't happen and the defense, having been on the field too long, would collapse.

Quarterback Greg Cicero should change some of that. He's the junior college transfer who started his career at Texas and left when he didn't think he got a fair shake in the battle with Major Applewhite. He's not a deep thrower but is accurate and can run. The Bears were encouraged to see Cicero pass for 182 yards and his team amass 330 total in a spring game when the sides were even.

Somehow, running back Darrell Bush gained 682 yards behind a weak offensive line. His two rushing touchdowns and the team's eight—by far the fewest in the Big 12—spoke more to Baylor's poor rushing offense. Heck, the entire offense scored only 12 touchdowns a year ago.

Baylor's next step is to be competitive. That should happen. Fans should see fewer 45-10 losses. But a winning record and bowl-game talk will have to wait. ■

BIG WEST

Underrated Boise State may gain national believers in league's last stand.

BY DWIGHT CHAPIN
SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER

It's the last hurrah for Big West football. After years of adding and trimming members—and extending its boundaries in often weird ways over a good portion of the nation—the conference is about to enter its final season of football. Nevada already is gone to the Western Athletic Conference, and defending champion Boise State will make the same move next fall, when the other five Big West schools—Idaho, Utah State, New Mexico State, North Texas and Arkansas State—will be switching to the Sun Belt Conference. The Big West, which never got the national respect it sometimes deserved, will remain in business, but it won't be playing any more football.

It remains to be seen if everyone will be paying attention this lame-duck season, but Boise State, led by quarterback Bart Hendricks, is the likely choice to repeat, with new-look Idaho, under an aggressive staff directed by first-year head coach Tom Cable, its chief competition once again. But both New Mexico State, which has made great strides under coach Tony Samuel, and Arkansas State have improving programs. Utah State, which also has a new head coach in Mick Dennehy, and North Texas, the conference cellar-dweller last season, are longer shots.

PREDICTIONS

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| 1. Boise State | 4. Arkansas State |
| 2. Idaho | 5. Utah State |
| 3. New Mexico State | 6. North Texas |

1 BOISE STATE BRONCOS

The Broncos suddenly jelled in 1999, finishing 10-3 overall, winning the conference with a 5-1 record and then upsetting Louisville in the Humanitarian Bowl, their first I-A bowl appearance.

Despite some key losses on the offensive and defensive lines, coach Dirk Koetter's team looks capable of a repeat, primarily because quarterback Bart Hendricks, the Big West Offensive Player of the Year, returns, along with four of the top five ground-gainers and five of the leading seven receivers. Hendricks threw for a league-high 22 touchdowns and set a single-season school record with 3,103 yards of total offense. Running back Davy Malaythong, receivers Jeb Putzier (39 catches for 514 yards) and Jay Swillie, and former walk-on placekicker Nick Calaycay are all dangerous, too. But guards Jeremy Mankins and Willy Van Gorder and tight end Dave Stachelski will be missed.

Linebacker Bryan Johnson, the Broncos' top tackler, is gone, too, but two all-conference first-team choices, big-play linebacker Kareem Williams and cornerback Dempsy Dees (who had six interceptions), are back to lead a defense that also returns tackle Bradley Phillips and safeties Quintin Mikell and Shaunard Harts. Punter Jeff Edwards, another walk-on, set a school record of 42.8 yards per kick last season.

2 IDAHO VANDALS

Tom Cable, a former Vandal player who most recently was offensive coordinator at Colorado, is the new head man in Moscow, replacing Chris Tormey, and he has a number of key players back from a team that went 7-4 overall and 4-2 in the conference. They include senior linebacker Chris Nofoaiga, last season's Big West Defensive Player of the Year, who had 18 tackles for loss and 10 sacks.

A pressure-oriented defensive package will be minus star end Mao Tosi, but Wil Beck and Ryan Knowles are experienced men up front, and Rick Giampietri returns at one outside linebacker spot. The secondary returns a trio of 11-game starters: corners Dennis Gibbs and Cleavon Bradshaw (five interceptions in '99) and safety Brad Rice.

Either John Welsh, who was sidelined six games with a broken ankle, or Ed Dean should be the quarterback, and the receiving corps has everyone back except Ryan Prestimonico. Included in that bunch are Jeffrey Townsley and Rossi Martin, who combined for 70 catches last season, and tight end Mike Roberg. Anthony Tenner (764 yards rushing) is the chief ground threat, and he'll be helped by a veteran line led by two-time all-conference tackle Rick DeMulling, Jeremy Wallace and Patrick Venzke. Cable will look for more consistency from placekicker Ben Davis, and needs to find a punter.

3 NEW MEXICO STATE AGGIES

Coach Tony Samuel's steady approach began to pay some dividends in 1999, when his Aggies finished 6-5 after going 2-9 and 3-8 his first two seasons in Las Cruces.

He'll have a dozen starters—six on each side of the ball—to work with this fall, including a pair of all-conference selections, cornerback Jascon Willis (five interceptions) and safety Donald Malloy, along with rover Marsey Hawley in what should be one of the Big West's top secondaries. Tim Englehardt was a major loss in the defensive line, but Samuel still can call on returning starter Lyn Perryman at end and Raul Anaya and D'Wayne Taylor at linebackers.

The offense has several veteran hands back, too, including quarterback K.C. Enzminger (1,878 yards passing). The three top running

K.C. Enzminger, New Mexico State



FRANK DIBRANGO

TOP
PLAYERS

OFFENSE: QB-Bart Hendricks, Boise St.
DEFENSE: LB-Chris Nofoaiga, Idaho
NEWCOMER: RB-Danny Smith, Arkansas St.

GAMES
TO WATCH

Boise St. at Washington St. October 7
Boise St. at New Mexico St. October 28

New Mexico St. at Idaho November 11
Idaho at Boise St. November 18



Robert Kilow, Arkansas State

backs return as well—Keeon Johnson, Kenton Keith and Chris Barnes. They had a combined 1,300 yards rushing in '99. All-conference center Matt Hancock and linemen Mick Rodemeyer and Tony Wragge will provide the blocking. The receiving corps could be thin with the departure of the two top pass catchers, All-Big West first-teamer Ryan Shaw and Robert Garth.

Andy Kohl (42.5 yards per kick) returns as the punter, but a replacement will have to be found for placekicker Nick Cecava.

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**ARKANSAS STATE
INDIANS**

After a decade to forget (a 29-80-2 record in the 1990s), the Indians may be ready to begin making a little noise under coach Joe Hollis. Their 4-7 overall record and 3-3 conference finish in 1999 weren't so hot, but Hollis has a solid offensive line, a much-improved running game and, finally, a little stability in his coaching staff. He also has senior quarterback Cleo Lemon, the school record-holder in career passing yards and touchdowns.

Lemon, who threw for 1,569 yards and 15 TDs last season, will be ably supported. Returning to the offense are All-Big West wide receiver and kick returner Robert Kilow, who had 57 catches for 783 yards, quick wideout Jamie Hickenbotham, and running back Jonathan Adams, who will have to carry more of the rushing load since Lamont Zachery (846

yards) is gone. Huge tackle Garry Johnson is the key man in a talented line.

The Indian secondary should be good, with Sean Mitchell (a whopping 216 tackles the last two seasons), Hanis Bowens, Kishan Cotton and Terrance Fuller returning. But there are major questions on the line and at linebacker. Tackle Erik Kellim and linebacker Segun Ajigbeda are the best of the returnees. All-Big West punter Ryan Smith has departed, but productive placekicker Nick Gatto is back.

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**UTAH STATE
AGGIES**

New head coach Mick Dennehy, who was 39-12 in four seasons at Montana, may have to scramble to rebuild a so-so Aggie team that was 4-7 overall and 3-3 in the conference under Dave Arslanian.

Dennehy loses six offensive and seven defensive starters, including the team's two best players, 1,500-yard rusher DeMario Brown and free safety Donald Dicko. Emmett White, a first-team all-league return man, and John Roberts will attempt to fill in for the invaluable Brown, while Tony Walker will try to lead a secondary that is minus starters Vashon Garmon and Eddie Badiganga.

There's no question the Aggies' strength on defense will be at linebacker, where Brent Passey, a two-time all-conference pick, Tony Newsom and Blake Eagal all are back. Special teams should be strong with the return of placekicker Brad Bohn and freshman All-America punter Steve Mullins, who averaged 42.3 yards per kick.

Offensively, with Brown gone, more will be expected of quarterback Jeff Crosbie (2,007 yards passing in '99) and wide receivers Aaron Jones (54 catches for 653 yards) and Ky Oday. The top two tight ends are gone, but there are two veteran starters on the line—center Junior Pututau and guard Jess Schuck.

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**NORTH TEXAS
MEAN GREEN**

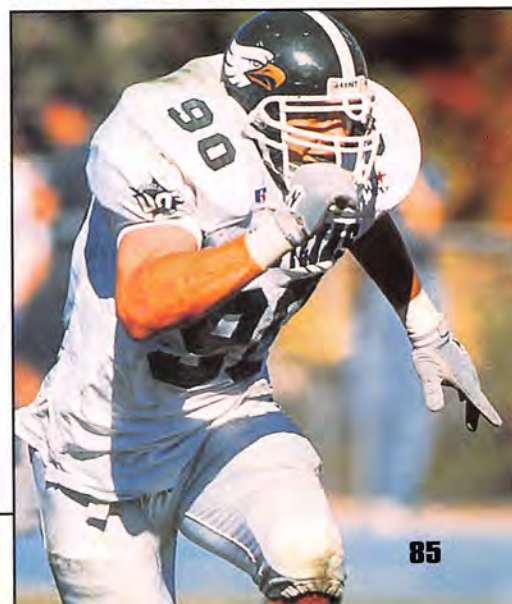
The Mean Green knocked off Texas Tech and Big West champion Boise State in 1999, but otherwise it was another season to forget for coach Darrell Dickey's squad, which wound up 2-9 overall and in the conference cellar at 1-5.

Depth was a major problem and could well be again, with just 12 scholarship seniors on the roster. Dickey says that strength and conditioning have to get much better for the team to improve.

The offense once again will be built around running back Ja'Quay Wilburn, who gained 1,016 yards and became the school's all-time leading rusher. The other big names offensively should be tight end Jeff Muenchow, tackle J.R. Randle, guard Andy Lott and placekicker Jason Ball. At quarterback, returnee Richard Bridges may be challenged by youngsters Spencer Stack and Jeremy Pearl.

The defensive leader should be Brad Kassell, who came on strongly to finish with 112 tackles. He'll be joined in a capable linebacking corps by Fred and Corry Pertile and Jeff Rodgers. But all four starters are gone from the Mean Green's defensive line, and the secondary loses some key talent, too, although a pair of seniors, cornerback Lawrence Ellis and safety Heath Moody, do return. ■

Brad Kassell, North Texas



CONFERENCE USA

There will be no resting on laurels in Hattiesburg—Golden Eagles to fly again.

BY RANDALL MELL
FORT LAUDERDALE SUN-SENTINEL

Nobody seemed to know what to expect from this conference after a wild September. First, Cincinnati shocked Wisconsin, No. 8 at the time. The following week, East Carolina, reeling from the Hurricane Floyd floods that devastated the campus area, upset No. 9 Miami. The conference was making major waves with unexpected surges.

Alabama-Birmingham, picked to finish in the basement in its inaugural year in the conference, soared throughout the season with a series of upsets that saw the Blazers finish league play 4-2 and tied for second place.

The surprises weren't all pleasant. Tulane, undefeated and conference champs in '98, nose-dived in a sea of turnovers and injuries. Houston's Kim Helton engineered the third-best turnaround in Division I-A but got fired after winning seven games. Memphis coach Rip Scherer got a two-year extension despite another losing season.

All, however, seemed to make sense in the end with Southern Mississippi claiming its second consecutive Conference USA title and third in four seasons. The Golden Eagles were No. 13 in the final *USA Today/ESPN* coaches' poll, the school's highest finish.

Still, even Southern Miss delivered some shock waves at season's end. In the wake of one of the school's finest seasons, coach Jeff Bower fired four coaches. He made sure nobody in his program will rest on their laurels heading into the new season.

It was a year to remember. There were those early upsets, and so many high-scoring games. Conference USA was the only league in the land in which every one of its teams averaged 20 or more points per game.

The player who will be missed most is Louisville's Chris Redman. He made highlight shows all season long with his passing skills. He ended his career with more pass attempts (1,697) and completions (1,031) than any quarterback in college football history. He won the Johnny Unitas Award as best QB in the land. Two-time Conference USA Defensive Player of the Year Adalius Thomas of Southern Miss also is gone.

That new stars will emerge is a given. Talent keeps flowing into this expanding conference. Texas Christian is scheduled to join the fold in 2001, with South Florida coming aboard in 2003.

consecutive seasons. Kelly finished ninth nationally in passing efficiency. While four of five offensive linemen are back, the Golden Eagles have some work to do replacing gifted receivers Sherrod Gideon and Todd Pinkston. The unit is aiming to improve upon last year's No. 82 national ranking in total offense.

The player who will be missed most is two-time Conference USA Player of the Year Adalius Thomas, a defensive end who helped the Golden Eagles rank eighth nationally in rushing defense (91.5 yards per game), eighth in total defense (294.1 yards per game) and eighth in scoring defense (15.6 points per game). Still, senior defensive tackle DeQuincy Scott and senior defensive end Cedric Scott return to lead what should be the best defensive front in the conference. Junior linebacker Roy Magee, senior defensive tackles John Nix and Daleroy Stewart and senior defensive end Deric Scott help make the front a team strength. Senior Leo Barnes, junior Chad Williams and senior Raymond Walls bolster the secondary. This is a team that shut out two opponents in '99.

Southern Miss will find what it's made of right away as it hits the road against Tennessee, Alabama and Oklahoma State to

Cedric Scott, Southern Mississippi



TOMASSO DEROSA

PREDICTIONS

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| 1. Southern Mississippi | 6. Houston |
| 2. East Carolina | 7. UAB |
| 3. Memphis | 8. Tulane |
| 4. Cincinnati | 9. Army |
| 5. Louisville | |

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SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI GOLDEN EAGLES

Coach Jeff Bower got everybody's attention in Hattiesburg last winter. A 6-0 record, a third Conference USA title in four years and a third consecutive bowl trip would seem cause to celebrate. But it earned half the coaching staff a pink slip. Though Southern Miss notched its highest final ranking ever (No. 13 in the *USA Today/ESPN* poll),

Bower fired four coaches: the offensive coordinator, offensive line coach, tight ends coach and defensive backs coach.

The Golden Eagles, 9-3 overall, should have been even better, especially offensively. That's the message sent by Bower, who's showing he's serious about taking the program to the next level. The Golden Eagles are 22-2 in the conference since it was formed four years ago, but he aspires to something loftier.

With Chris Klenakis hired from Nevada as the new offensive coordinator/offensive line coach, a major portion of the spring was devoted to installing his version of the one-back offense. There is star quality to build around with juniors Derrick Nix back at running back and Jeff Kelly at quarterback. They're among eight starters returning to the unit. Nix was just the second back in school history to surpass 1,000 yards rushing in

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE: WR-Arnold Jackson, Louisville
DEFENSE: LB-Pernell Griffin, E. Carolina
NEWCOMER: RB-Joffrey Reynolds, Houston

GAMES TO WATCH

Southern Miss. at Tennessee September 2
Virginia Tech at E. Carolina September 7
Memphis at Southern Miss. September 30
E. Carolina at Memphis October 7
E. Carolina at S. Miss. November 24 or 25
Army vs. Navy (at Baltimore) December 2

open the season. The Golden Eagles play just four home games.

2 EAST CAROLINA PIRATES

The Pirates warmed the nation's heart with their inspiring rally in the aftermath of the flooding of their eastern North Carolina terrain last year.

The upset of No. 9 Miami vaulted East Carolina into the national spotlight, and the Pirates will be looking to return there with a run at the conference championship this fall. A 9-3 mark and fourth bowl trip in coach Steve Logan's eight seasons was cause for celebration, but the Pirates want that conference title this year.

With nine starters back on offense and six on defense, the nucleus is there to challenge Southern Miss for conference supremacy.

Junior quarterback David Garrard is a duel threat. He completed 58 percent of his passes a year ago, throwing for 2,349 yards. His 493 yards rushing were the most by an ECU quarterback in 30 years. He accounted for 14 touchdowns throwing and eight running. He should be among the most exciting players to watch in the conference. Senior fullback Jamie Wilson is a threat running and receiving. He has 80 career catches and needs just 174 yards rushing for 2,000 in his career. Senior center Sherwin Lacewell is a force among four returning starters on the offensive line.

Defensively, the Pirates will be looking to continue their new defensive mastery under coordinator Tim Rose, the former head man at C-USA rival Cincinnati. In his first season last year, Rose orchestrated an effort that saw ECU hold five opponents to less than 10 points. The unit improved in almost every category, jumping from 61st nationally in scoring defense in '98 to 13th last year. Junior linebacker Pernell Griffin is among the nation's best. He led the team in tackles, had four sacks, two interceptions and two fumble recoveries. Senior nose guard Mbayo Ahmadu is dominating up front.

Senior placekicker Kevin Miller hit on 11 of 15 field goal attempts before a groin pull slowed him down.

3 MEMPHIS TIGERS

Coach Rip Scherer (18-37 in five seasons) got a vote of confidence last year with a two-year contract extension.



DeJuan Gossett, Cincinnati

Now the pressure's on to post his first winning season at the school.

His quest wasn't exactly bolstered with the departure of six assistant coaches who left for other jobs. Nor was it aided when sophomore quarterback Travis Anglin missed spring practice with a torn capsular in his right shoulder. He was the conference Co-Freshman of the Year. Scherer pushed back spring workouts to regroup.

Still, optimism is high that last year's 5-6 mark will be improved upon with nine starters back from a defense on the rise. Two years ago, the unit was among the least resistant in the land, allowing 455 yards and 30.9 points per game. Last year, the defense improved immensely, allowing just 313 yards and 16.3 points per game.

While standout defensive lineman Tramont Lawless and defensive back Reginald Howard must be replaced, junior linebacker Kamal Shakir and senior defensive tackle Marcus Bell return as standouts. Junior cornerback Michael Stone and sophomore safety Idrees Bashir are talented. The defense is under new leadership with former Clemson coach Tommy West as the new defensive coordinator, but the group has a chance to be even better than a year ago.

With Anglin out in spring, and the offensive line beat up, progress was slow for a unit that needs to score more points. The Tigers lost four games to bowl teams by three points or less in '99. A little more offensive punch could take them over the top.

Anglin threw five TDs to 10 interceptions after taking over in the middle of the year. Sophomore Neil Suber, however, came back to rally the team to its last two wins. The loss of career receptions leader Damien Dodson and running back Gerard Arnold will hurt, and there's lots of work to be done with Suber battling Anglin at quarterback. Jeff Sanders and Darche Epting, a pair of second-year freshmen, look like the answer at running back. Sophomore tackle Artis Hicks and junior guard DeCorye Hampton are bulldozers in spikes, and junior tight end Billy Kendall (28 catches last season) might be the best tight end in the conference.

Junior placekicker Ryan White (29 field goals his first two seasons) is among the nation's best.

4 CINCINNATI BEARCATS

Deontey Kenner gives the Bearcats a chance to be among the most exciting offenses in the country this year. A senior quarterback, he should break all the Cincinnati passing records this season. Kenner returns in coach Rick Minter's one-back offense armed with a deep receiving corps, a solid offensive front and a chance to show that the upset of Wisconsin last year wasn't a fluke.

What a weird year it was. Cincinnati beat eighth-ranked Wisconsin for the biggest victory in conference history. The Bearcats then went 0-6 in the conference. They finished 3-8 overall, with six of those losses by eight points or less.

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Kenner is among 10 returning starters on offense, a unit that could blow out a few light bulbs on the scoreboard this year. The 424.4 yards of total offense Cincinnati averaged last year was a school record. Kenner was on pace to break most of the single-season passing records before missing the final game and a half with a concussion and thumb injury. He finished the season with 2,430 yards passing, 14 touchdowns and 15 interceptions. Senior center Doug Rosfeld is among the conference's best on a front that yielded a conference-low eight sacks in '99. Senior receivers Tony Smikle (45 catches, 429 yards), Jason Collins-Baker (43, 431) and Antonio Chatman (22, 354) combine with up-and-coming sophomore LaDaris Vann (37, 547, four touchdowns) to give Kenner a solid receiving corps. Vann was the conference's Co-Freshman of the Year in '99. The biggest task on offense is replacing 1,000-yard rusher Robert Cooper.

While the defense improved last year—jumping 30 or more spots in just about every defensive category from the year before—the unit still yielded 380 yards per game. Senior defensive tackle Mario Monds, senior free safety DeJuan Gossett and senior linebackers Eddie Johnson and Troy Evans are standouts among eight returning starters. Junior punter Adam Wulfeck is top-notch.

5 LOUISVILLE CARDINALS

The big show's over. That Saturday afternoon fireworks display known as the Louisville offense will be difficult to repeat with so many stars gone.

All coach John L. Smith lost from last year was the Johnny Unitas Award winner as the nation's best quarterback, the eighth-leading rusher in the nation and the most prolific pass-catching tight end in college football history.

"Yikes" wasn't the theme heading into spring, but maybe it should have been.

Quarterback Chris Redman, one of only three college passers to throw for more than 12,000 career yards, was instrumental in helping the Cardinals win back-to-back bowl trips. So were running back Frank Moreau, who averaged 128.9 yards rushing per game, and tight end Ibn Green, who hauled in 217 career passes.

Talented senior receiver Arnold Jackson is one of just four returning starters to an

offense that averaged more than 37 points a game. He grabbed a school-record 101 passes last year and needs just 63 to become the NCAA's career leader.

But the Cardinals may not know until just before the opener who will be delivering the football to Jackson this fall. Senior Mike Watkins and sophomore Dave Ragone waged a close struggle at QB in the spring. They've both shown an ability to run and may bring a new dimension to the position. The Cardinals have almost no experience at running back, with senior Dwayne Taylor, junior Tony Stallings, sophomore Henry Miller and freshman T. J. Patterson accounting for 19 career carries.

That six starters return to the defense isn't as good a news as it should be. The unit was second to last in the conference last year, yielding 392.1 yards and 30.1 points per game. Senior linebacker Rashad Harris is a plus as a fourth-year starter. Senior defensive tackle Donovan Arp was hurt in spring but should be back after leading the team with 16 tackles for loss in '99. Senior cornerback Rashad Holman returns after grabbing a team-leading five interceptions a year ago.

The Cardinals could have trouble posting a third consecutive seven-win season.

6 HOUSTON COUGARS

That big things will be expected immediately from first-year coach Dana Dimel is clear.

Dimel, 23-12 without a losing season at Wyoming, was hired to replace Kim Helton, fired after leading the Cougars to a 7-4 record that included victories against North Carolina, Louisiana State and intra-city rival Rice. Athletic Director Chet Gladchuk will be looking for Dimel to quickly contend for the Conference USA title, to harvest some of the best Texas recruits and eventually to compete with the University of Texas.

That's a tall order, but Houston's looking to return to its glory days. With just six starters back on offense and four on defense, Dimel doesn't have a lot of returning experience. He won't get a lot of time to acclimate himself, either, with Rice, LSU and Texas all on the September schedule.

The offense should be fun to watch with Dimel bringing in the University of Nevada's Phil Davis as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. Davis brings a wide-open, one-back passing game. Dimel calls it a

"stealth attack that's going to strike quickly." Davis will have an experienced starting quarterback to teach his system to. Senior Jason McKinley will become the first four-year starter at Houston. He threw 10 interceptions and five TDs in a run-oriented attack last season, but those numbers should turn around in the new system. Senior guard Josh Lovelady will be among the best linemen in the conference, but the line must be rebuilt.

With senior Orlando Iglesias (59 catches) returning and senior Jerrian James (80 catches in '98) back after missing the entire '99 season with a broken leg, the Cougars have skilled receivers to build the passing game around. The tough task will be finding a replacement for running back Ketric Sanford, an all-purpose threat who enjoyed back-to-back 1,000-yard rushing seasons. Dimel likes what he sees in sophomore Joffrey Reynolds, plus junior Leif Penn is ready to step up.

Dimel kept former defensive coordinator Dick Bumpas on staff as co-defensive coordinator for good reason. The Cougars stuffed opposing running attacks on just 109 yards per game last season. Senior linebacker Wayne Rogers returns as the team's leading tackler. He had six sacks and led the team with 19 tackles for loss. Senior defensive tackle Nikia Adderson and senior cornerback Will Pettis are standouts. Senior Mike Clark is a quality kicker and punter.

7 UAB BLAZERS

The only way the Blazers could have made a more stunning debut in the conference was to win the league title.

Forget the 5-6 overall record, as the Blazers played the toughest non-conference schedule in the league. The 4-2 Conference USA mark was a feat. Coach Watson Brown's squad beat Cincinnati, Houston, Tulane and shocked East Carolina, ranked 17th at the time. The Blazers definitely got the league's attention, and now they want to build on that with 16 starters returning.

Senior quarterback Daniel Dixon returns along with the entire offensive line and the three top rushers. The task this year is to get offensive coordinator Pat Sullivan's passing game off the ground. The Blazers reverted to the option late last year, but Dixon will try to put wings on the attack again this season. UAB ranked dead last in total offense in the conference (278.9 yards per game). Dixon threw for just 1,347 yards with seven TDs and 10

interceptions. The unit flashed big-play potential a year ago with 10 TD drives of two plays or less. Senior running back Percy Coleman (689 rushing yards) and senior fullback Carl Fair (405) return in the backfield along with versatile senior back Cedric Thatch, the third-leading receiver a year ago with 19 catches. Junior guard Preston Fray (6-5, 300 pounds) is counted on to emerge as a standout.

The defense lost its star, cornerback Rodregis Brooks, whose nine interceptions tied for the lead nationally. Still, just about everybody is back up front, including junior nose guard Eddie Freeman, a force inside, and senior defensive end Bryan Thomas, a gifted pass rusher outside. Junior safety Adrian Singleton roams the secondary as the team's leading returning tackler.

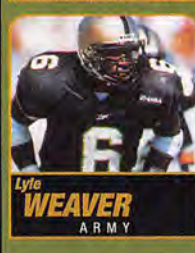
8 TULANE GREEN WAVE

Turnovers, injuries, investigations and suspensions. The words must burn coach Chris Scelfo's ears. He endured them all in his first season succeeding Tommy Bowden. The Green Wave bounced from conference champs to basement-dwellers in one long and miserable year.

Take a 3-8 season, punctuate it with an investigation for possible recruiting violations, and you have one large headache to soothe. While the school reported that its internal investigation last spring revealed no NCAA violations regarding the recruitment of blue-chip running back Ronald McClendon, other problems surfaced in the spring. Scelfo suspended his top two running backs for violating team policies, with no guarantee they would return.

A wide-open offense made for some wild times under first-year quarterback Patrick Ramsey, who smashed the school's single-season and single-game passing marks. A junior this season, Ramsey threw for 3,410 yards and 25 TDs in '99. He also became the only Tulane quarterback to throw for 400 yards in a game or throw for more than 300 in five consecutive games. However, he threw 25 interceptions. If UCLA transfer J.P. Losman keeps developing, and Ramsey keeps throwing it up for grabs, the job could be Losman's this fall.

Whoever's the quarterback will have a strong target in senior Adrian Burnette, who caught 79 passes for 1,095 yards and seven TDs in '99. The Green Wave need to find a productive back. The team was dealt a double



ALL-CONFERENCE USA TEAM

OFFENSE

QB David Garrard	JR E. Carolina
RB Derrick Nix	JR S. Miss.
RB Jamie Wilson	JR E. Carolina
WR Arnold Jackson	SR Louisville
WR Adrian Burnette	SR Tulane
TE Billy Kendall	JR Memphis
OL Sherwin Lacewell	SR E. Carolina
OL Doug Rosfeld	SR Cincinnati
OL Josh Lovelady	SR Houston
OL Dustin Plumadore	JR Army
OL Bernard Robertson	SR Tulane
PK Ryan White	JR Memphis

DEFENSE

DL Nikia Adderson	SR Houston
DL Mbayo Ahmadu	SR E. Carolina
DL Cedric Scott	SR S. Miss.
DL DeQuincy Scott	SR S. Miss.
LB Pernel Griffin	JR E. Carolina
LB Wayne Rogers	SR Houston
LB Lyle Weaver	SR Army
DB Leo Barnes	JR S. Miss.
DB DeJuan Gossett	SR Cincinnati
DB Rashad Holman	SR Louisville
DB Will Pettis	SR Houston
P Casey Roussel	JR Tulane

blow in the backfield in spring when Toney Converse and Auburn transfer Michael Burks were suspended. Their status is uncertain going into the fall. Senior tackle Bernard Robertson is as close to a sure thing as Tulane has among its seven returning offensive starters. He's among the conference's best, and he's got help up front with two other starters returning.

It won't matter how much more productive Tulane's offense becomes if the Green Wave's defense keeps getting trampled. Teams scored 36.3 points per game on the unit last year and ran for 244 yards per game. Those were easily the worst numbers in the conference. With nine starters returning, the defense should be better. Senior linebacker Jerry Phillips is the best of the holdovers. A little more durability would help the unit. At some point last year, five of the top eight defensive linemen, all three linebackers and three defensive backs went down with injuries.

The kickers are this team's most dependable assets, with sophomore Seth Marler back after leading the conference in field goals with 15 and junior Casey Roussel returning after averaging 44 yards per punt.

9 ARMY CADETS

The Cadets will find out just how talented a teacher Todd Berry is this year. The first-year coach has a tough job installing his new precision passing game. Army, after all, has been running the wishbone since 1984. The Cadets rambled for 265 yards per game last year, the fifth-best rushing attack in the land. Of course, that's nothing new. Army has been among the top 10 running attacks for 15 consecutive years. That, however, hasn't translated into winning. Bob Sutton may have been Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year in 1996, but when his squad fell to 3-8 last season, with a

loss to arch rival Navy at season's end, his nine-year reign was over. That offense was part of his undoing. Army was shut out twice and lost its final four games.

Enter Berry, the 32nd head coach in the 110-year history of Army football. Berry was the engineer of an impressive turnaround at I-AA Illinois State, where he took over a 3-8 team in '96. He eventually led the squad to its first conference title in more than 49 years and first I-AA postseason appearance ever. Illinois State advanced all the way to the national semifinals a year ago.

Berry inherits a tougher job this time. It's never easy to turn a wishbone team into a passing team, and it will be especially tough at Army, where the talent base was recruited for a full-fledged ground assault. Still, Berry is teaching the wonders of the passing game to returning starter Joe Gerena, a senior. He threw for just 565 yards last year. With four offensive linemen returning to the front, including stand-out junior guard Dustin Plumadore, there's experience and talent to work with. Junior Omari Thompson looks to be just the kind of speedy receiver the new passing game needs.

While the defense won't undergo as traumatic a change, dramatic improvement is needed on a unit that yielded nearly 30 points a game. Senior linebacker Lyle Weaver is a quality player who will make his teammates better. There's also senior defensive end Zach Hurst, who led the team with seven sacks. Plus, three of four starters return to the secondary with cornerbacks Derrick Goodwin and Derick McNally and free safety Brian Zickefoose back. McNally's 10 pass breakups led the conference last year.

The big changes this year include the site of the Army-Navy game. It will be played December 2 at PSInet Stadium in Baltimore, the first time the game has been played in Baltimore since 1944.

MID-AMERICAN

Herd loses some thunder in Pennington, so MAC is up for grabs.

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Marshall again has lost a superstar, with Chad Pennington joining former teammate Randy Moss in the National Football League, but the Thundering Herd still will be a formidable force in the Mid-American Conference. True, coach Bob Pruett faces some retooling after 11 starting positions were vacated. Those include quarterback, where Pennington led the Herd to an undefeated season and their third straight MAC championship. Marshall also captured its second straight Motor City Bowl title.

Marshall must replace some gaping holes in its offensive line and needs to plug in new starters at running back and linebacker.

The Thundering Herd will be challenged in the East Division by Akron, which has made major strides, and Miami, if the RedHawks can overcome their own graduation losses. The West Division could be another dogfight between Western Michigan and Toledo. The Broncos, who edged out the Rockets by a game last season, must replace quarterback Tim Lester, but newcomer Jeff Welsh will benefit from a veteran receiving corps. Defensive-minded Toledo should be strong on both sides of the ball.

Northern Illinois, which came out of the MAC depths to win five games in '99, has a veteran club capable of climbing higher. Ball State and Buffalo, both winless, should improve.

yards and 13 touchdowns. He'll run behind a line that will require three new starters but features tackle Jeff Grzeskowiak and center Scott Smith. Fullback Tony McCray gained 352 yards in 73 carries.

Bailey will get receiving support from Jake Schifino and tight end Tim Ritley.

Akron's defense needs some retooling after five starters departed, including three linebackers. Abe Edwards and Derek Wilborn are back at ends and Chris Smith is set at one tackle. The secondary retains starters Mike Hughes, Dwight Smith and Rich Reliford.

The Zips face a tough opener at last year's national runner-up, Virginia Tech, but play four of their last five games at home.



Bob Pruett, Marshall

PREDICTIONS

EAST DIVISION	WEST DIVISION
1. Marshall	1. Toledo
2. Akron	2. Western Michigan
3. Miami	3. Central Michigan
4. Ohio	4. Eastern Michigan
5. Bowling Green	5. Northern Illinois
6. Kent	6. Ball State
7. Buffalo	

EAST DIVISION

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**MARSHALL
THUNDERING HERD**

While the offensive line has holes, the Thundering Herd had great depth there last season and should be formidable with Jimmy Callebos, Steve Sciallo and tight end Gregg Kellett back. Wide receivers John Cooper and Nate Poole, who caught 71 passes, are other returning starters.

Candidates to replace quarterback Chad Pennington, a first-round draft choice of the New York Jets, include sophs Byron Leftwich and Stephen Galbraith. Marshall also has three promising incoming quarterbacks. The Herd lost running backs Doug Chapman and Low Turner but expect sophomore Chanston

Rogers to be effective. Brandon Carey also will be used at running back.

Coach Bob Pruett believes the defense could become the best the school has had, despite losing five All-MAC performers. There are six returning starters, led by linebacker Max Yates. The nationally ranked secondary still features Maurice Hines, Doug Hodges and Danny Derricott. The defensive line will be led by Jimmy Parker and Paul Toviessi.

Marshall has a 17-game winning streak and has won 31 straight home games, both marks being the nation's longest.

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**AKRON
ZIPS**

The Zips finished tied for third in the East Division and coach Lee Owens believes his club has a legitimate chance to win a championship. Akron posted a 7-4 record (5-3 in the MAC) and won six of seven at one stage of the season.

Akron lost only three starters on offense and keeps split end Lavel Bailey, who averaged 22.4 yards for each of his 42 catches. Butchie Washington returns at quarterback after completing 131 of 240 throws for 1,896 yards. Tailback Brandon Payne was MAC Freshman of the Year after rushing for 920

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**MIAMI
REDHAWKS**

The RedHawks (7-4, 6-2 in the MAC) placed second in the East but lost seven starters on offense and five on defense.

Second-year coach Terry Hoepfner went into spring practice seeking replacements at several positions. Receiver Trevor Gaylor and linebacker Dustin Cohen were the primary losses. But the revamped offense will be built around quarterback Mike Bath and wideout Sly Johnson. The RedHawks have won 17 of 22 games since Bath became a starter in 1998. Steve Little entered spring practice with a leg up on replacing graduated star and third-round NFL draft pick Travis Prentice at tailback.

**TOP
PLAYERS**

OFFENSE: WR-Steve Neal, Western Michigan
DEFENSE: DT-Andy Aracri, Miami
NEWCOMER: QB-Byron Leftwich, Marshall

**GAMES
TO WATCH**

Marshall at North Carolina September 23
Toledo at Western Michigan September 23

Marshall at Toledo October 14
Marshall at Akron October 28

Although the offensive line lost three interior starters, Hoepfner believes he has the making of a good crew there. Alex Sulfsted, Phil Hawk and Joe Costello have seen significant action.

The defense will be built around All-MAC tackle Andy Aracri, who anchors a solid line. Injuries especially struck the defense last season, which resulted in the RedHawks giving up the most points they have allowed since 1988.

4 OHIO BOBCATS

The Bobcats enjoyed their fourth straight winning season in the conference but were 5-6 overall. It was the first time in more than 30 years that Ohio claimed four straight winning seasons in the MAC.

Coach Jim Grobe's team will be boosted by 20 players who were redshirted in 1999 and by 17 returning starters. The veterans include tailback Chad Brinker, quarterback Dontrell Jackson, fullback Joe Sherrill and offensive linemen Nick Glowacki, Zach Holt and Dave Patton and receiver Raynald Ray.

Brandon Payne, Akron



Starters returning on defense are end Mike Fox, outside linebacker Greg Baskin, nose guard Lamar Martin, inside linebacker Tom Weilbacher and defensive backs Chris London, Bop White and Donnie White.

The Bobcats keep their specialists, including punter Dave Zastudil and place-kicker Akevin Kerr.

5 BOWLING GREEN FALCONS

The Falcons won their last three games but still finished only 5-6. Gary Blackney begins his 10th season as the Falcons' coach with five starters back on offense and nine on defense.

Bowling Green's quarterback will be Andy Sahm, who started the last seven games and threw for 302 yards in his debut against Toledo. He was fifth in the MAC in passing efficiency, and his targets will include wide-outs Aaron Alexander and Kurt Gerling. Gerling, who had nine catches against Akron and seven against Central Florida, totaled 53 catches. Alexander caught 35 passes, with 27 of those in the final six games.

Tailback Joe Alls averaged 5.1 yards a crack rushing and gained 592 yards while Godfrey Lewis ran up 500 yards in 132 carries. Seniors Eric Curl and Rob Fehrman are the only returning starters on the offensive line.

The defensive unit is intact except for the secondary. Ryan Wingrove and D.J. Durkin are the ends, Malcolm Robinson is at tackle and Brandon Hicks (14 tackles for loss) is at nose guard. Khary Campbell and Garry Fisher are set at linebackers and Ken Dobbs, Chad Long and Karl Rose are back as defensive backs.

6 KENT GOLDEN FLASHES

The Golden Flashes' 2-9 record represented an improvement under second-year coach Dean Pees, who broke in with a winless season in 1998.

Besides victories over Bowling Green and Buffalo, Kent lost four games that went down to the wire, including three of their last four. Kent took No. 13 Marshall into the fourth quarter before falling 28-16 and lost the season finale to Akron 37-34 on a Zip touchdown with 38 seconds to play.

The Flashes will build around seven returning starters on offense and eight on defense. Chante Murphy is back at fullback

after running for 676 yards, and leading receiver Jurren Kelly returns. Others intact are split end Joshua Bostick and interior linemen Cory Zwick, Jason Hupp, Jeff Krysiak and Brian Hallett.

The defensive line keeps Aaron Mayer, Richard Bender and Mark Strickland and the secondary still has Nashville Dyer and Justin Baugham. Matt Rayl is set at inside linebacker, with Rashaan Hall and James Harrison on the outside.

7 BUFFALO BULLS

Buffalo's inaugural season in the Mid-American was a painful learning experience. The Bulls went 0-11, but look to quarterback Joe Freedy to lead them to a higher level. Freedy was thrown in as an opening-game starter when injuries cost Buffalo its top two quarterbacks, and went on to complete 151 of 299 passes for 1,775 yards and eight touchdowns. Late in the season he completed 10 of 18 for three scores against Kent.

Free safety Craig Rohlf also had a break-out year while tying for the MAC lead in interceptions with five. He had 51 solo tackles among 86 total stops and was in on nine of the 15 turnovers caused by the Bulls (five interceptions, two fumble recoveries and two forced fumbles).

Buffalo will have to replace graduated receiver Drew Haddock, who had 85 catches.

WEST DIVISION

1 TOLEDO ROCKETS

The Rockets will pursue their seventh straight winning season under coach Gary Pinkel while coming off a 6-5 record and tying for second in the West. Toledo won its last three games by an average margin of 14 points and the defense allowed an average yield of only 101 yards in those contests.

Ten starters return on offense, led by tailback Chester Taylor. He ran for 1,176 yards and averaged 6.5 yards per carry, which ranked second nationally. William Bratton ran for an additional 486 yards, and Antwon McCray ran for 424 yards and averaged 5.9 yards per carry. Quarterback Travis Bolden was an outstanding scrambler and hit on 54 percent of his throws. His receivers include

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Mel Long and Lyle Green, who combined for 82 catches.

The offensive line still claims Jim Harding, who has started 35 consecutive games, and Michael Schaefer, a two-year starter. Nick Otterbacher and Matt Comer also return.

Toledo ranked second in the MAC in total defense, scoring defense and rushing defense, and keeps eight starters, including all-conference end DeJuan Goulde and All-MAC linebacker Kevin Rollins. The pair combined for 35 tackles for loss and 21 sacks. Jake McLean, Leo Frierson, David Bockmore, Phil Gibson and Sameer Hamood are veteran linemen. The least-experienced area is the secondary, where junior free safety Andy Boyd returns.



Chester Taylor, Toledo

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**WESTERN MICHIGAN
BRONCOS**

The Broncos won the West Division title but had a modest 7-5 record. Now they must replace quarterback Tim Lester, who set 17 school and six MAC records while throwing for 11,299 yards and 87 touchdown passes in his career.

Coach Gary Darnell believes understudy Jeff Welsh is prepared to take control of the offense, especially with Steve Neal back at

Robert Sanford, Western Michigan



receiver. Neal caught 74 passes for 1,113 yards and 11 scores last season. Corey Alston and Josh Bosh also return as receivers.

"You could take our receiving corps to any school in the nation and they would get the job done," Darnell says.

The offensive line features Paul Lambert, Matt Stover, Jeff Hinson and Colin Greczek. They'll block for senior tailback Robert Sanford, who rushed for 1,092 yards and eight TDs last season. The defensive front will be led by Scott Karstens and Marty Harig. The inside linebackers are Garrett Soldano and Mario Evans, and Terrence Moore is an experienced outside 'backer. The secondary should be strong with Ronald Rogers, an All-MAC candidate, working with Rashad McDade, Brandon Brown and Joe Ballard. Jermaine Lewis moves into the picture there as a transfer.

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**CENTRAL MICHIGAN
CHIPPEWAS**

Former Michigan offensive coordinator Mike DeBord takes over as head coach and will have 14 returning starters who will try to improve a 4-7 record.

Still around is quarterback Pete Shepherd, who completed 171 of 320 passes, and split end Jamar O'Neal, who caught 59 passes as a freshman. Their success will depend on a line that includes Matt Brayton, James Alexander, Nick Ferguson, Kyle Croskey and Anders Hill.

Three-year regular Brian Leigeb is set at free safety, and the secondary also includes

Scott Naz and Tedaro France. Abdullah Muhammad, Darvin Lewis and Ralph Sewell are veteran linebackers, and Rodrico Epps is the roverback. Placekicker Paul Savich is still around.

DeBord, who had been an assistant for 18 years at seven schools, replaces six-year coach Dick Flynn, who resigned after the Chippewas went 3-5 in the conference. He is familiar with the Mid-American Conference, having coached the offensive line at Ball State in 1989 and helping the Cardinals win the league.

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**EASTERN MICHIGAN
EAGLES**

First-year coach Jeff Woodruff, a former Arizona assistant, will try to improve last season's 4-7 record with the help of 45 lettermen. The hub of his offense will be 6-foot-4, 225-pound quarterback Walter Church, who has thrown for 32 touchdowns in 29 games and holds three school records. He'll be supported by Eric Powell and Reggie Gage, the Eagles' top two rushers in 1999.

Seven returning offensive starters include John Grabowski, Luis Garcia, Cory Annett and Craig Cipa on the line, with Annett moving from guard to center. Competition is tight at wide receiver because the top two pass catchers are gone.

Seven starters are back on defense, including linebackers Scott Russell, Jason Short and Kenny Philpot. Returning to the defensive front are James Turner, Nik Buckmeier, Jari Brown, Jeremaine Kyles and Elliott Daniels. The secondary is inexperienced with Clifton Robinson a likely standout after



Ryan Diem, Northern Illinois

missing last season with an injury. London Lindsey and James Wittingham also have seen service there.

Punter Nick Avondet and placekicker Toller Starnes should be strong points for the Eagles.

5 NORTHERN ILLINOIS HUSKIES

Coach Joe Novak's rebuilding program at Northern Illinois paid its best dividends in 1999, as the Huskies posted a 5-6

Pete Shepherd, Central Michigan



record with a 5-3 conference mark that tied for second in the West. The rebuilding job will continue with 46 lettermen, including nine starters on both offense and defense.

Northern Illinois nearly doubled its scoring and increased its total offense by about 100 yards from the 1998 season. The offense is led by tailback William Andrews, the nation's No. 9 returning NCAA rusher with 1,127 yards and author of seven 100-yard games. Chris Finlen is a solid quarterback and Justin McCareins an underrated receiver.

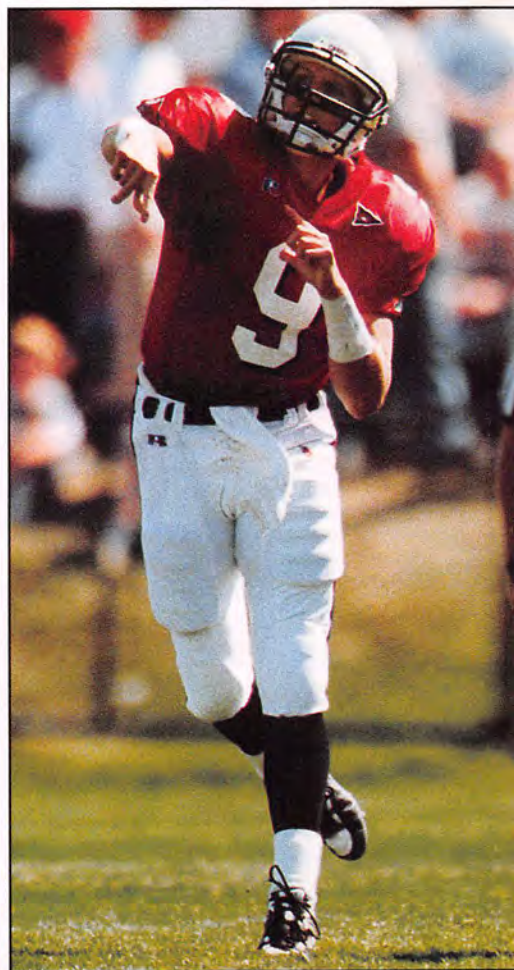
"Our main goal offensively is to improve our passing game," says Novak, whose first three NIU teams won only three games. "We hit some big passes last year, but we need to be more efficient in third-down situations."

Northern Illinois' offensive front features 6-7, 336-pound Ryan Diem, an NFL prospect who has performed an 800-pound squat lift and boasts a 51-inch chest. McCallister Collins, Kyle Jakubek, Matt Cockrum and Tim Vincent add to the line.

The defense features Darian Tate, Lewis Miskowicz and Trent Clemen up front. Kevin Selover, Cameron Saulsby and Larry Williams are the linebackers, and Benji Peacock anchors the secondary.

6 BALL STATE CARDINALS

The Cardinals were winless in 1999 but sixth-year coach Bill Lynch hopes to make steps toward reinstating a tradition that saw Ball State win two conference championships in each of the past three decades.



Brian Conn, Ball State

The Cards claim seven returning starters on both offense and defense. Ball State nearly doubles its number of upperclassmen over last season.

Lynch expects an almost intact offensive line to be the team's strength. It features Aaron Johnson and John Moore at tackles, Jeff Thiel at center and Chad Ludwig at guard. However, the receivers are new and include tight end Doug Nelson and wideouts Jermaine Jordan and Sean Schembra. Nick Dunbar returns at tailback after rushing for 590 yards, and Brian Conn, who threw for 1,525 yards and 10 touchdowns, returns at quarterback. Conn completed 63 percent of his passes in the last five games and was 17-of-19 against Ohio. Scott Volk, primarily a blocker, is set at fullback.

Ball State's defense features linemen Rachman Crable, Sunungura Rusununguko and Mark Zackery. Shaka Johnson anchors the linebackers, and Chikosi Bell, Pete Smith and Jade Winchell are returning starters in the secondary.

"There is a lot of work to be done, but we are battling back," Lynch says. ■

PAC-10

Pac-10 looks to bounce back in year when no one's a lock for any spot.

BY DWIGHT CHAPIN
SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER

The Pac-10 got a major black eye right at the start of the 1999 season when highly regarded Arizona was embarrassed by Penn State, 41-7, and that seemed to set the tone for one of the most forgettable years in conference history. Nobody played really well, and that opened the way for Stanford, which had been picked as one of the league's bottom-feeders by most people, to make it to the Rose Bowl for the first time in nearly 30 years. Stanford put up a decent fight in Pasadena against Ron Dayne and Wisconsin, losing 17-9, but that didn't erase the bad taste the Pac-10 had endured all season.

With the prestige of West Coast football again on the line, this season may or may not be easier to swallow. For certain, there is nothing like a conference sure thing, from top to bottom.

Southern California, because of what could be a very good defense, and Washington, which coalesced quickly last season under new head coach Rick Neuheisel, probably will be favored to go one-two, in either order. But the guess is that UCLA, beleaguered on almost countless levels last season, will return to something approaching its form of the previous two years and make the race interesting. But a case can be made for all the others, too, with the possible exception of Washington State, which is tough to figure because it has so much new blood.

Even the coaches acknowledge the uncertainty.

"We proved last year that we prognosticators don't know what we're talking about," Arizona State's Bruce Snyder says. "There's not a clear-cut leader this year, nor is there a lock for last place. We're all in there. In my opinion, it will be the play of your quarterback and how healthy your team stays that will be the keys. We've got as good a shot as anybody."

Or as bad.

PREDICTIONS

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| 1. USC | 6. Stanford |
| 2. Washington | 7. Oregon |
| 3. UCLA | 8. Arizona |
| 4. Arizona State | 9. California |
| 5. Oregon State | 10. Washington St. |

1 USC TROJANS

Paul Hackett is an offensive-minded coach, but the Trojans' strength this season, at least initially, should be on defense, where the only missing starter is all-conference safety David Gibson. There's talent everywhere, notably at linebacker, where Zeke Moreno (team-high 108 tackles) and Markus Steele could be two of the nation's best. The third linebacker last season, Sultan Abdul-Malik, has been shifted back to end, where he led the team in sacks in 1997 and 1998. Ennis Davis figures to be one of the Pac-10's top tackles if he's recovered

from a knee injury that hampered him last season. And a trio of starters—Kris Richard (six interceptions), Antuan Simmons and Ifeanyi Ohalet—is back in the secondary.

The offense is less experienced, so much will depend on the health of touted sophomore quarterback Carson Palmer, who broke his collarbone in the third game last season. The Trojans opened 2-0 with him as the starter, then lost six of their next seven games en route to a 6-6 record (3-5 and tied for sixth in the Pac-10). Palmer and backup Mike Van Raaphorst will be working with a veteran line, including Brent McCaffrey, Zach Wilson, Eric Denmon and tight end Antoine Harris. But there are questions at running back and wide receiver, where major names Chad Morton, R. Jay Soward and Windrell Hayes all have departed. Speedy sophomore Sultan McCullough may get first call to replace tailback Morton. The receiving corps returns sophomores Kareem Kelly, the Pac-10 Freshman of the Year, plus Marcell Allmond and Steve Stevenson.

Hackett is looking for more consistency out of both placekicker David Newbury and

punter Mike MacGillivray. But for the most part, the Trojan coach likes what he sees.

"We have some momentum coming into the season," he says. "This is the year to turn the corner and become a legitimate contender for the conference championship."

2 WASHINGTON HUSKIES

Second-year coach Rick Neuheisel is stressing the need for his still-young team to maintain a sense of urgency. "We still have a lot to do," he says.

But the fact remains that the Huskies progressed far better than most observers expected last season, posting a 7-5 record overall, finishing second in the Pac-10 with a 6-2 mark and playing well before losing by four points to Kansas State in the Holiday Bowl.

All of that should be a good springboard to the 2000 season, particularly with exciting, if sometimes erratic, quarterback Marques Tuiasosopo back to run the offense.



Sultan McCullough, USC

**TOP
PLAYERS**

OFFENSE: QB-Marques Tuiasosopo, Washington
DEFENSE: DL-Willie Howard, Stanford
NEWCOMER: OL-Kwame Harris, Stanford

**GAMES
TO WATCH**

USC at Oregon State September 30
Washington at Stanford October 28

UCLA at Washington November 11
USC at UCLA November 18

Tuiasosopo, who's nicknamed "The Warrior," set a Husky single-season record with 2,762 yards in total offense.

Neuheisel has to develop receivers to take over for the departed Gerald Harris and Dane Looker. But Chris Juergens, who led the team last year with 42 receptions, returns along with promising young tight end Jerramy Stevens. Ex-running back Willie Hurst will be moved into Looker's spot at slotback, clearing the way for punishing Maurice Shaw (440 yards rushing) and Paul Arnold at tailback. Four starters, headed by senior guard Chad Ward, return on what should be a deep and potentially very good offensive line.

The picture is quite a bit less clear on defense, where linemen Mac Tuiaea, Jabari Issa and Toalei Mulitauaoepele, linebacker Lester Towns and cornerback Jermaine Smith are all gone. The secondary should be the strength, with starters Anthony Vontoure (six interceptions), Hakim Akbar and Curtis

Chad Ward, Washington



ALL-PAC-10 TEAM

OFFENSE

QB	Marques Tuiasosopo	SR	Washington
RB	Ken Simonton	JR	Oregon St.
RB	Brian Allen	JR	Stanford
WR	DeRonnie Pitts	SR	Stanford
WR	Kareem Kelly	SO	USC
TE	Todd Heap	JR	Arizona St.
OL	Victor Leyva	SR	Arizona St.
OL	Chad Ward	SR	Washington
OL	Bruce Wiggins	SR	Arizona
OL	Steven Grace	JR	Arizona
OL	Brian Polak	SR	UCLA
PK	Mike Biselli	SR	Stanford

DEFENSE

DL	Andre Carter	SR	California
DL	Kenyon Coleman	SR	UCLA
DL	Jacob Waasdorf	SR	California
DL	Willie Howard	SR	Stanford
LB	Adam Archuleta	SR	Arizona St.
LB	Zeke Moreno	SR	USC
LB	Curtis Holden	SR	Washington
DB	Dennis Weathersby	SO	Oregon St.
DB	Hakim Akbar	JR	Washington
DB	Lamont Thompson	SR	Washington St.
DB	Antuan Simmons	SR	USC
P	Nick Harris	SR	California

Williams back. But the rushing defense wasn't very good in 1999, and only Larry Tripplett returns up front, where JC transfer Marcus Robertson could help. The linebacking should be solid, with Jafar Williams moving inside to join leading tackler Derrell Daniels and two-year starter Jeremiah Pharms outside. Freshman All-America placekicker John Anderson and punter Ryan Fleming return, too.

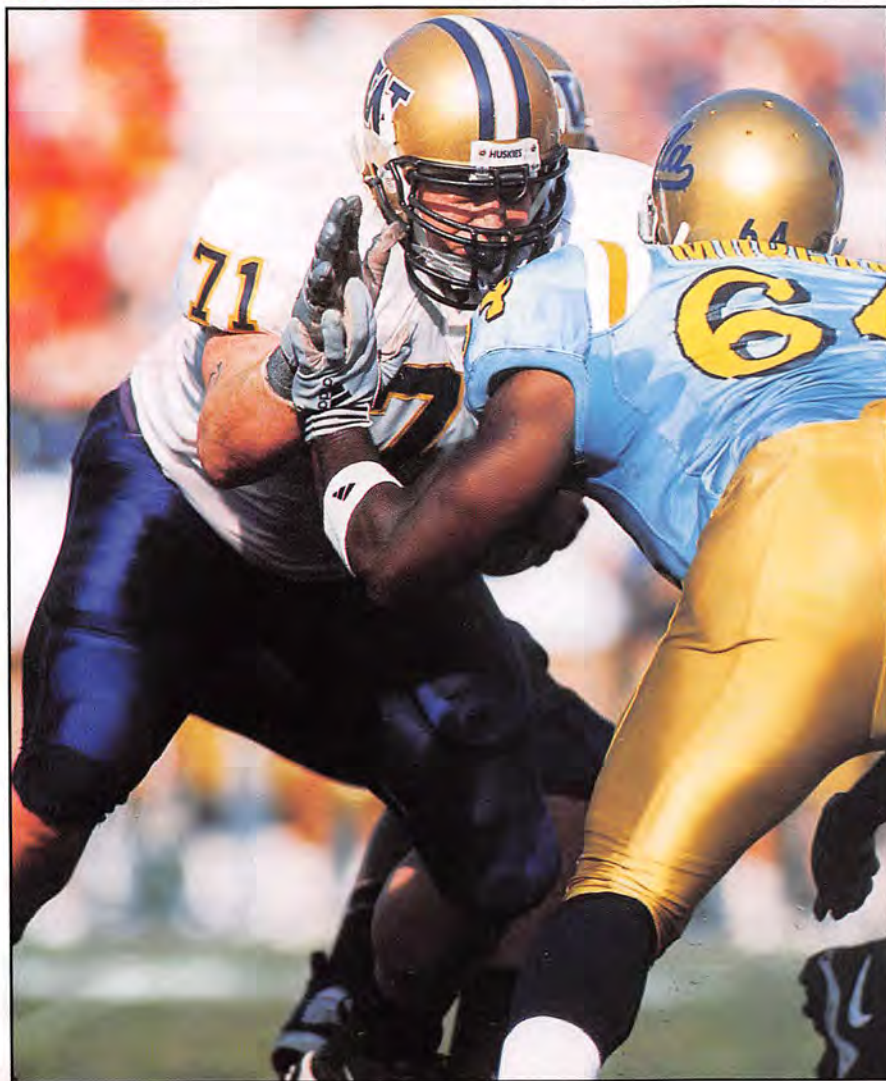


Coming off back-to-back 10-2 seasons and a Rose Bowl trip, just about everything that could do wrong did go wrong for the Bruins. Plagued by injuries, inexperience and unmet expectations, they fell to 4-7 overall and just 2-6 and a ninth-place finish in the Pac-10.

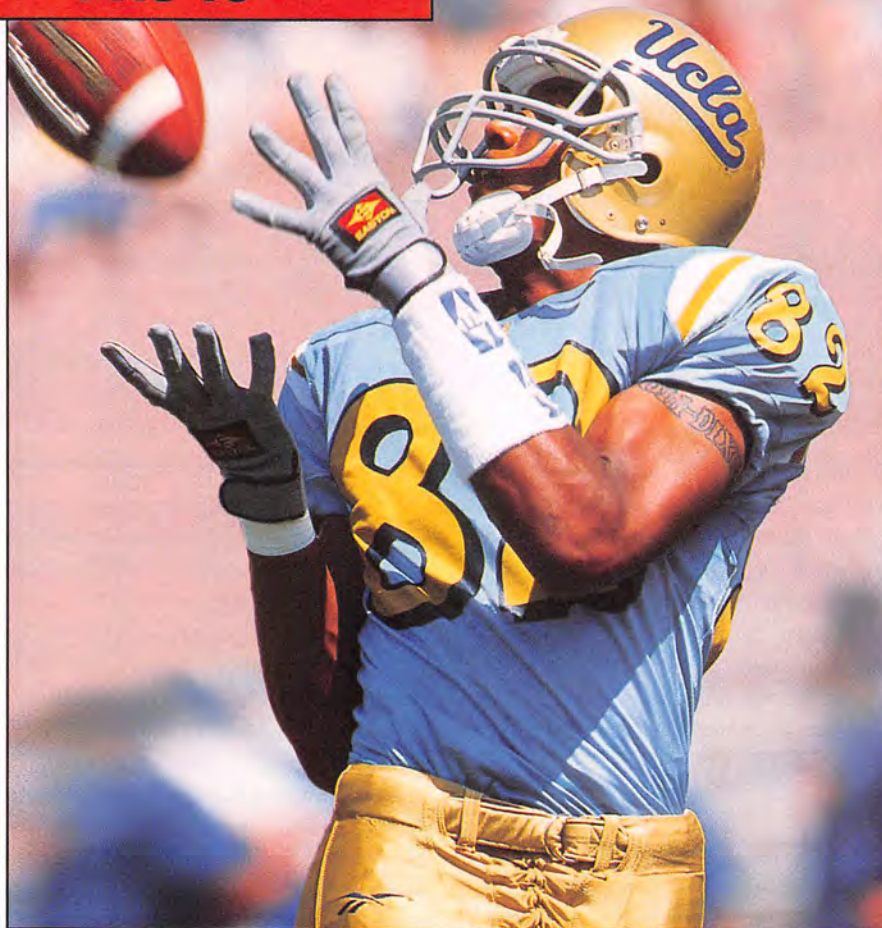
It's no sure thing that coach Bob Toledo and his staff can turn things around this season, because they lose players like wide receiver Danny Farmer, leading rusher Keith Brown and leading tackler Joey Strycula, have just 12 scholarship seniors and face a schedule that includes eight bowl teams. The key probably will be the return to health of players like sophomore quarterback Cory Paus, who had offseason shoulder surgery, and several others who were slowed or sidelined by injuries. The wounded include running back DeShaun Foster and tight end Brian Fletcher (ankle sprains), wide receiver Brian Poli-Dixon (fractured wrist), center Troy Danoff (torn knee ligament) and cornerback Jason Bell, a 1998 starter who missed virtually the whole season because of tendinitis in a heel. Bell and another '98 starter, Marques Anderson, who didn't play in '99, should aid a secondary that struggled last fall.

The Bruins' defensive front six could be very good, with All-America candidate Kenyon Coleman, Rusty Williams, Ken Kocher and Anthony Fletcher in the line; Tony White, Robert Thomas and Ryan Nece at linebacker; and sophomores Ricky Manning and Joe Hunter are promising defensive backs.

The kicking game should be fine with punter Nate Fikse (42-yard average) and placekicker Chris Griffith. Both had good freshman seasons.



TOP TO BOTTOM: ROCKY WIDNER, ROBERT LEITER (2)



Brian Poli-Dixon, UCLA

Either Paus or fellow sophomore Ryan McCann will direct an offense that, in addition to potential star Foster, should include receivers Poli-Dixon and Freddie Mitchell (38 catches for 533 yards) and a line, led by guards Oscar Cabrera and Brian Polak, that returns intact.

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ARIZONA STATE SUN DEVILS

The Sun Devils mirrored the rest of the Pac-10 in 1999—good at times but generally mediocre. Bruce Snyder's team was 6-6 overall and 5-3 in the conference, which earned the Sun Devils a spot in the Aloha Bowl, where they lost to Wake Forest.

This season could be better, with seven offensive and six defensive starters returning, aided by a recruiting class that has been tabbed as high as eighth in the nation.

But there are some major questions, especially on offense, where senior quarterback Ryan Kealy is coming off his fifth knee surgery, and All-Pac-10 running back J.R. Redmond has moved on to the pros. If Kealy's knees don't hold up, junior John Leonard will

probably run the offense. Delvon Flowers (512 yards rushing) and Davaren Hightower will get first crack at replacing Redmond.

Snyder also will have to solidify a receiving corps that returns Richard Williams (37

catches) but loses Tariq McDonald. There's no problem at tight end, where junior Todd "Golden Retriever" Heap is the league's best. He had 55 catches for 832 yards in '99, both school records. Marvel Smith is a big loss, figuratively and literally, in the offensive line, but Victor Leyva, Levi Jones and Scott Peters are all talented players.

Linebackers Adam Archuleta, an All-Pac-10 pick who had a team-best 111 tackles, and Mason Unck and Solomon Bates will key the defense, which also returns starting safeties Craig Koontz and Willie Daniel. There is work to do up front, however, where Erik Flowers, Junior Ioane and Ryan Reilly are gone, and at cornerback, where Courtney Jackson and Kareem Clark moved on. Fifth-year senior end Quincy Yancey will be the big man in the line, while senior Nijrell Easin is a top candidate for one of the corner spots.

Nick Murphy returns as the punter, with Mike Barth likely to replace Stephen Baker as the placekicker.

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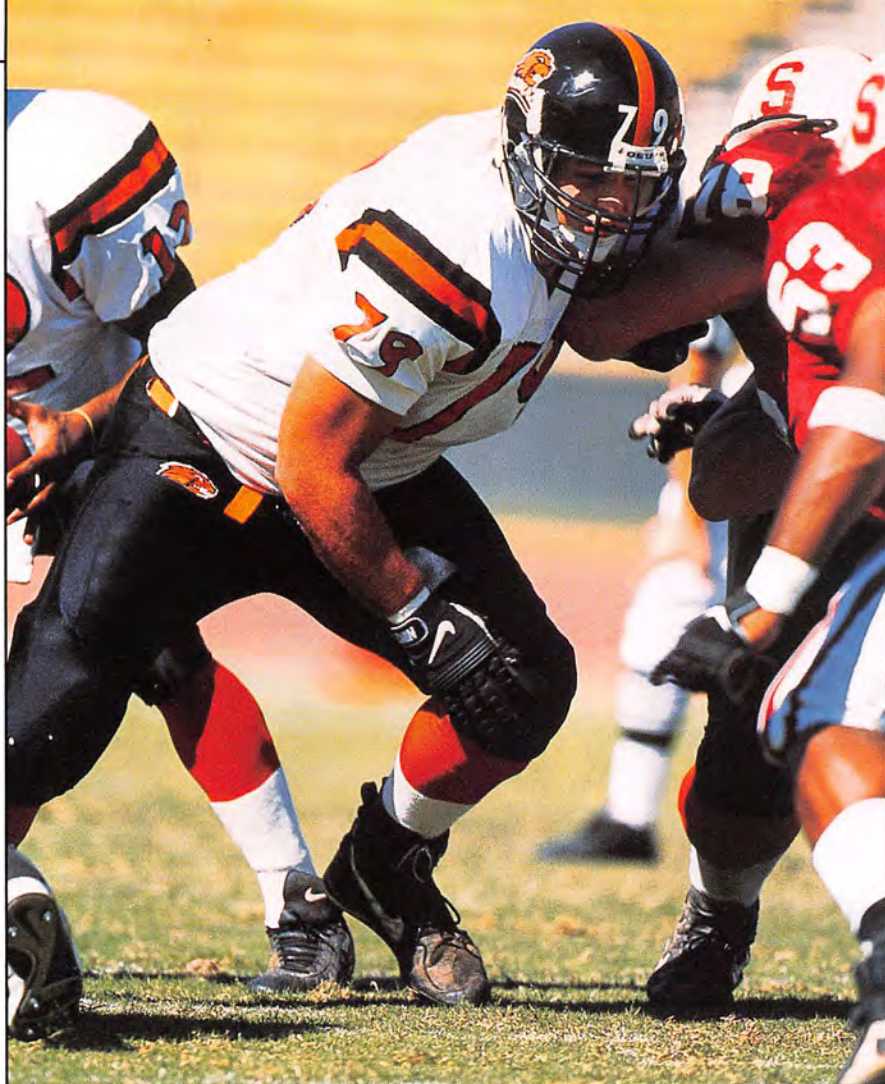
OREGON STATE BEAVERS

It finally happened. In Dennis Erickson's initial campaign in Corvallis, the Beavers posted their first winning season since 1971, winding up at 7-5 and going to the Oahu Bowl (although they were only 4-4 and in fifth place in the Pac-10).

Todd Heap, Arizona State



BRUCE SCHWARTZMAN (2)



Keith DiDomenico, Oregon State

"That was just a start for us, a first step," says Erickson. "We have to improve as a team."

They just might do it with a majority of key players back on both offense and defense. Offensively, the strength is at running back, where All-Pac-10 Ken Simonton was a 1,500-yard rusher last season. Junior quarterback Jonathan Smith, who had an in-and-out season, is back to direct the attack. Wide receivers Roddy Tompkins and Imani Percoats have departed, but Robert Prescott, T.J. Houshmandzadeh and Shawn Kintner should fill in well. Erickson does have some concerns in his offensive line, which will be minus Jason White and Aaron Koch. Veteran Keith DiDomenico will shift to right guard, with Chris Gibson at center, and 1998 starting guard Jared Cornell returns after a knee injury. Transfer Lee Davis may help at tackle. Punter Mike Fessler and Ryan Cesca or Matt Stanwood should handle the kicking duties.

The Beavers' defense was No. 1 in the Pac-10 and ninth nationally against the pass, and the secondary of rising star corner Dennis Weathersby, Keith Heyward-Johnson,

Ricky Walker, Terrence Carroll and Calvin Carlyle returns.

But there are holes to fill in the line and at linebacker. Both starting tackles are gone, as is longtime starting middle linebacker Jonathan Jackson. And Tevita Moala, who

had first crack at replacing Jackson, hurt a knee in spring practice. But Erickson likes outside linebackers Darnell Robinson and James Allen, and has hopes for DeLawrence Grant, LaDairis Jackson, Ryan Atkinson, Charles O'Neal, Eric Manning and redshirt Brian Tulikihifo in the line.

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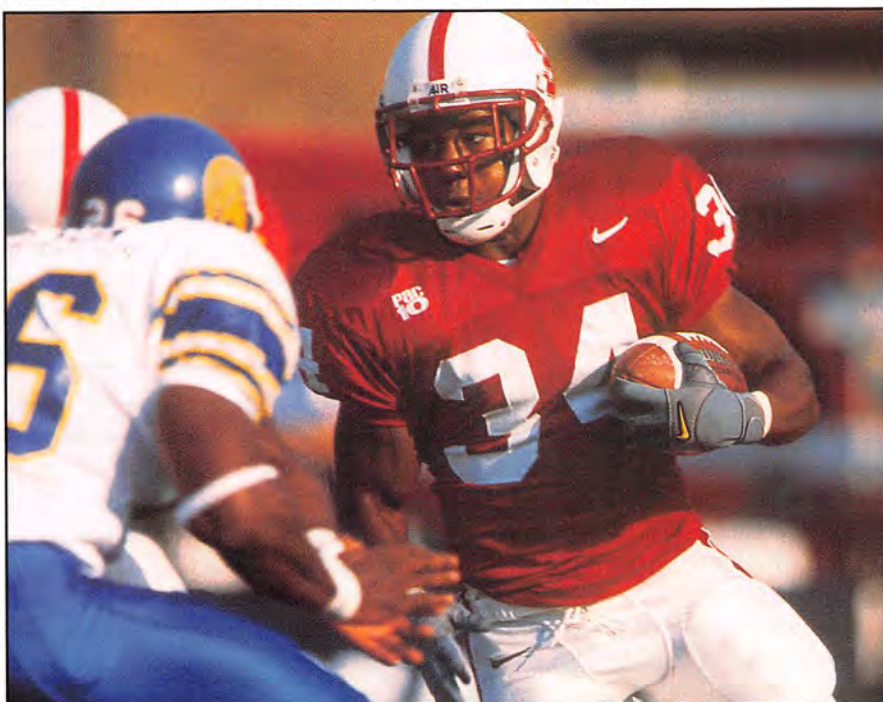
STANFORD

CARDINAL

The Cardinal will have difficulty matching what coach Tyrone Willingham called "a special season" in 1999 (8-4 overall, 7-1 and first in the Pac-10). Gone are four first-team All-Pac-10 players from an offense that was the most prolific in school history—all-time league-leading receiver Troy Walters, quarterback Todd Husak and linemen Mike McLaughlin and Jeff Cronshagen. Also missing will be five defensive starters, most notably safety Tim Smith and linebackers Marc Stockbauer and Sharcus Steen.

Offensively, the emphasis may well shift from the air to the ground, since running backs Brian Allen (604 yards rushing), Kerry Carter, Coy Wire and Casey Moore all return and the quarterback situation is unsettled. Husak's backups, seniors Joe Borchard and Randy Fasani, are now one-two, with sophomore Chris Lewis behind them, but Borchard may opt for a baseball career. And the receiving corps, after the departure of Biletnikoff Award winner

Brian Allen, Stanford



PAC-10

Walters, looks thin, although DeRonnie Pitts (58 catches for 853 yards) should be one of the league's best. Russell Stewart is a capable tight end. The line will be built around returnees Greg Schindler, Eric Heitmann and Zack Quaccia.

Defensively, Willingham has plenty of work to do in the secondary and at linebacker, where only two starters, safety Tank Williams and outside 'backer Riall Johnson, return. Wire may get a look at a safety spot. The defensive line, which picked up the nickname "Trench Dogs" during a Rose Bowl season, could be a strength. The leader is senior tackle Willie Howard, the conference's top returning defensive lineman, who had offseason knee surgery. He'll be rejoined by ends Sam Benner and Austin Lee. Trey Freeman or Northwestern transfer Craig Albrecht will take the place of departed Andrew Currie at nose tackle.

First-team all-conference placekicker Mike Biselli is a major weapon, and punter Sean Tolpinrud returns, too.

7 OREGON DUCKS

Coach Mike Bellotti is hoping that team speed can make up for a dearth of experience, as the Ducks seek a seventh straight winning season. But the numbers are not encouraging. Bellotti will have to replace 22 starters plus a placekicker from last year's 9-3 team (6-2 and tied for second in the Pac-10) that beat Minnesota in the Sun Bowl.

Among the missing are the leading offensive and defensive players, running back Reuben Droughns and linebacker Peter Sirmon—the heart of a unit that finished third in the Pac-10 against the run—as well as rover Michael Fletcher and top kick returner and receiver Tony Hartley. And Herman Ho-Ching, last season's second-leading rusher to Droughns, was not enrolled for classes during the spring term.

So what's left? Offensively, efficient quarterbacks Joey Harrington and A.J. Feeley, who shared starting time, both return, along with wide receivers Keenan Howry and Marshaun Tucker, tight end Justin Pelle and interior linemen Ryan Schmid and Lee Gundy.

But depth could be a problem on the offensive line, and it's a concern on the defensive line, too, where the only regular starter back is end Saul Patu. The other building blocks



Ortege Jenkins, Arizona

defensively will be middle linebacker Matt Smith and cornerbacks Rashad Bauman, a 1998 starter who missed all last season with a knee injury, and Brian Johnson. Punter Kurtis Doerr earned second-team all-league honors in '99, while placekicker Josh Frankel, called into service because of injuries, performed well and should improve.

The Ducks certainly had momentum at the end of last season, finishing with six straight wins, but the roster will look very different this year. Bellotti believes his team must take advantage of its speed.

"I think the group of kids we're going to put on the field may be as fast as any that has ever played here," he says.

8 ARIZONA WILDCATS

Who knows? After the pratfall the once-vaunted Wildcats took last season, it's very hard to tell what sort of squad coach Dick Tomey will have down in the desert this year. A lot is riding on senior quarterback Ortege Jenkins, who has been used to sharing time with graduated Keith Smith

but now will have to go it alone. He has plenty of talent, but hasn't been as consistent as Tomey would like. And Jenkins will be working without the departed Trung Canidate, an explosive force at tailback, and leading receiver Dennis Northcutt, too.

Leo Mills, Leon Callen and Larry Croom, as a group, will attempt to approximate Canidate, while wideouts Bobby Wade (a multi-purpose performer who had 30 catches in '99) and Brad Brennan and productive tight end Brandon Manumaleuna will be the chief receiving threats. The line has two very strong players in center Bruce Wiggins and guard Steven Grace, as well as two other returning starters, Makoa Freitas and Marques McFadden. Both kickers, Sean Keel and punter Chris Palic, are back.

In a season that ended 6-6 overall and 3-5 in the conference, the Wildcat defense was more desert-swarmed than "Desert Swarm," as it has been nicknamed in good years. Last year, it surrendered 50 points to Stanford, 44 to Oregon, 42 to Arizona State and 41 to Penn State. And six starters, including linebackers Marcus Bell and DaShon Polk, are gone. Tomey will shift senior Joe Tafoya, who missed spring practice because of injuries, from end to tackle on passing downs. He'll work inside

with Keoni Fraser. The Wildcats will go with Idris Haroon, Tony Thompson, Mike Robertson and maybe Johnny Jackson outside.

Antonio Pierce (75 tackles) leads the line-backing corps, but there are plenty of questions in the secondary, where Leland Gayles, Greg Payne, Kelvin Hunter and Rafell Jones have graduated. The most experienced man is sophomore free safety Jarvie Rochester.

9 CALIFORNIA GOLDEN BEARS

Wanted: an offense. And coach Tom Holmoe's future may well depend on finding one. Entering his fourth season in Berkeley, former 49er defensive back Holmoe is just 12-21, and that's primarily because of offensive misfires.

In hopes of developing a more consistent attack, he'll lean more heavily on a two-back set, employing a quartet of promising players led by Joe Igber, who had 694 yards rushing as a freshman despite being injured and starting only four games. Joining Igber in the hunt for playing time will be Marcus Fields, Saleem Muhammad and Joseph Echema.

At the same time, Holmoe hopes to take some of the pressure off sophomore quarterback Kyle Boller, who underwent shoulder surgery after going through a beleaguered rookie campaign in which he completed just 38.6 percent of his passes, managed only nine TDs and threw 15 interceptions. Help for an underachieving corps of receivers may be on the way from JC transfers Charon Arnold, Chad Heydorff and Derek Swafford.

The offensive line, also a concern during Holmoe's tenure, returns four starters off a team that was 4-7 overall and 3-5 in the Pac-10: guards Brandon Ludwig and Scott Tercero, tackle Langston Walker and Reid Diehl, who is being moved from tackle to center.

The Bears' defense loses two huge talents in linebacker Sekou Sanyika and defensive back Deltha O'Neal, a first-round NFL draft pick who was also a star kick returner. But Holmoe and assistant Lyle Setenchich have been able to develop stability on that side of the ball that should continue. All-America candidate Andre Carter and Jacob Waasdorp are extremely solid in the line, and Chidi Iwuoma returns to anchor the secondary. The biggest losses to graduation were at linebacker, but Jamaal Cherry, Juan Jimenez and J.P. Segura return, and three newcomers will arrive this fall.

Punter Nick Harris has All-America potential, but the placekicking assignment is being contested by untested sophomores Jeremy Hershey and Mark-Christian Jensen.

10 WASHINGTON STATE COUGARS

Always optimistic coach Mike Price better hope his nearly 40 newcomers are ready to play at the Pac-10 level right away.

"We are going to be a much better team because of the people we've added to the program," Price says.

The Cougars finished 3-8 and 3-9 the last two seasons and have just one conference win during that time.

Offensively, much will depend on how either sophomore Jason Gesser, who was sidelined nearly all of last season with a broken hand, or 6-5 redshirt freshman Matt Kegel performs at quarterback in place of the departed Steve Birnbaum. Leading receivers Nian Taylor and Leaford Hackett are gone, but starter Farwan Zubedi, Marcus Williams and

Andre Carter, California

Collin Henderson are all back along with tight end Russell Mizin. So is running back Deon Burnett, who set a freshman school record by rushing for 974 yards. Three JC transfers will back him. Standouts in the line—literally—are twins Reed and Ryan Raymond, who are in the 6-foot-8 and 310-pound range. Juco All-America Alan Cox should be an able punter, with Nick Lambert likely to take over for Rian Lindell as placekicker.

The inconsistent Cougar defense, which twice gave up more than 50 points, figures to be a little better despite the loss of four regulars, including linebacker Steve Gleason, the team's second-leading tackler. A pair of 1998 starters who didn't play last year—linebacker James Price and cornerback Chris Martin—join linemen Austin Matson and Ing Aleaga, plus pro prospect linebacker Curtis Holden and backs Marcus Trufant, Billy Newman and Lamont Thompson. Trufant had a terrific freshman season, Newman led the team with 105 tackles and Thompson fought through injuries and position shifts to set a school record for career interceptions (14). Still, the key may be the maturity of 10 red-shirts, 11 transfers and 18 true freshmen. ■



Tide will roll, Dawgs will growl in SEC that grooves.

BY TOMMY HICKS
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It's hip to be retro these days, borrowing from the trends of the 1970s and '80s and giving them a modern twist. That being the case, the Southeastern Conference may be the hippest league in college football this season. Yeah, ba-by. Back in the '70s and early '80s, the two teams on top of the SEC football hill were Alabama and Georgia, with the Crimson Tide winning eight SEC titles in the '70s and national championships in '73, '78 and '79. Georgia was king of the SEC and the country in 1980, shared the league title with Alabama in '81 and was sole owner of the SEC title again in '82.

Fast forward to 2000 and it's like the old days again. Alabama and Georgia are expected to be the teams to win their respective divisional championships and meet at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta December 2 to decide the conference championship.

Still, some things never change or go out of style, and in the SEC that means earning the title. The league has plenty of talent distributed among its 12 teams and winning—or as coaches in the conference sometimes describe it, “surviving”—also requires consistency and a dash or two of luck.

Alabama and Georgia get the nods in the preseason, but they will have competition. In the West, Alabama will be hounded by a much-improved Mississippi team, with Mississippi State also chasing.

Over in the East, where Tennessee and Florida have made the SEC Championship Game their own private party, those two teams are expected to be the bridesmaids this year, bowing to Georgia's depth and improvements, especially on defense.

And so the SEC disco begins. Let's dance.

PREDICTIONS

EAST	WEST
1. Georgia	1. Alabama
2. Florida	2. Ole Miss
3. Tennessee	3. Mississippi State
4. Kentucky	4. Auburn
5. Vanderbilt	5. Arkansas
6. South Carolina	6. LSU

SEC EAST

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GEORGIA
BULLDOGS

How 'bout them Dawgs? Well, these Dawgs should have a lot of bite. The year Georgia fans have been waiting on could be this year. The team has always had talent, but hasn't been able to put everything together to win a league title. That may change.

Last season, Georgia was the SEC's total offense leader, but it placed last in total defense. Last season, the Dawgs had Quincy Carter, Terrence Edwards and Patrick Pass on offense but few standouts on defense. Now, it appears the defense has caught up

with the offense and there are more than just front-line players—depth abounds on both sides of the ball.

This season, there is more talent even where experienced talent returns. And these are young Dawgs, featuring five players who earned Freshman All-America honors last year.

Start on offense, where Carter, Georgia's do-everything quarterback, will be able to do even more because of the talent around him. Running back Pass is gone but Jasper Sanks is still in the huddle and he has plenty of help from medical redshirt Bruce Thornton and incoming freshmen Albert Hollis and Musa Smith. Hollis is a *Parade* and *USA Today* All-America pick. Both backs rushed for more than 2,000 yards as high school seniors last season.

Edwards won't be Carter's sole target this year, although he likely will be the favorite. Durrell Robinson has qualified after sitting out last season, as has Reggie Brown. Michael Greer is a solid possession receiver, and Thad Parker and LaBron Williams will help, too. In fact, the receiving corps was considered so deep in the spring that Jermaine Phillips was moved to the secondary, where he will get a lot

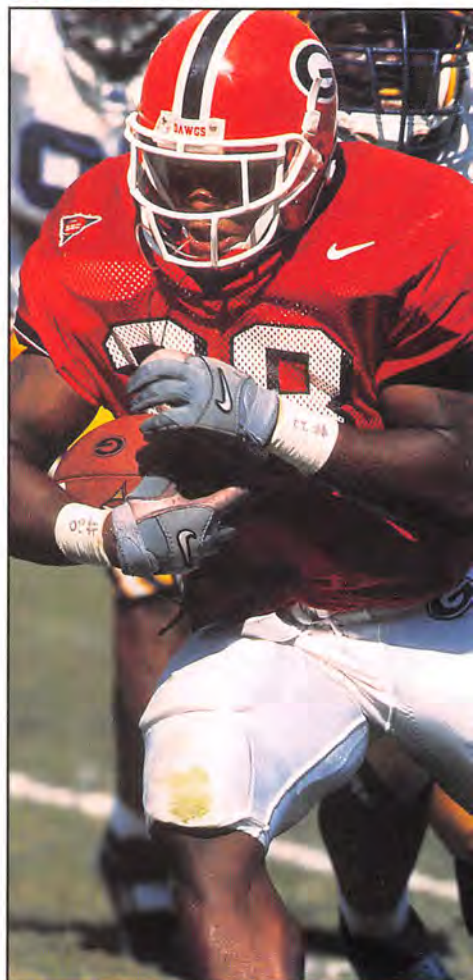
of playing time. The tight end combo of Jevaris Johnson and Randy McMichael is strong.

The offensive line features Jon Stinchcomb and Jonas Jennings at tackles and Kevin Breedlove at guard. Reggie Stargill, who started three games two seasons ago, will start at the other guard position.

With an improved line providing better protection, more receivers available to catch his passes and a deeper, more talented crew of running backs behind him, Carter will be more dangerous for opposing defenses to defend. He has always had the ability to run, an ability he has perhaps not displayed as much as he could. Look for Carter to be more freewheeling this season.

The true test of Georgia's season and its quest to win the East Division crown and the league title will come with the development of the defense. In the Dawgs' corner are a couple of factors: (1) new defensive coordinator Gary Gibbs, the former Oklahoma head coach, and (2) eight returning starters and much-improved depth at all positions.

Jasper Sanks, Georgia



TOP
PLAYERS

OFFENSE: WR-Freddie Milons, Alabama
DEFENSE: LB-Saleem Rasheed, Alabama
NEWCOMER: DT-Albert Means, Alabama

GAMES
TO WATCH

Florida at Tennessee September 16
Georgia at Tennessee October 7
Ole Miss at Alabama October 14

Alabama at Tennessee October 21
Georgia vs. Florida (at Jacksonville) October 28
Mississippi State at Ole Miss November 23



Jesse Palmer, Florida

Georgia must concern itself with pass defense, an area in which it finished last in the SEC a year ago, allowing a whopping 278.1 yards a game (as well as 382.6 total yards a game). Will the same players who started in last year's vulnerable secondary be able to stop opponents this year? Folks in Athens believe so. All four starters—Tim Wansley, Terreal Bierria, Cap Burnett and Jamie Henderson—are back, with former wide receiver Phillips joining the group.

Up front is the strength of the defense, where All-SEC pick Richard Seymour leads the way along with Marcus Stroud. Charles Grant has recovered from a knee injury and returns at end, with Bruce Adrine, Demetric Evans and David Jacobs also available there, as well as Tyrone Robertson. The Dawgs are quite deep on the line.

There is good depth at linebacker, too. Boss Bailey and Kendrell Bell are the leaders with Will Witherspoon helping. Coach Jim Donnan also welcomes the return here of Adrian Hollingshed, who missed last season after starting every game two years ago.

The schedule is even in the Dawgs' favor. They play four of their first six games at home (road games South Carolina and Arkansas wrapped around visits by Georgia Southern, New Mexico State, Tennessee and Vanderbilt). Three straight road trips to Kentucky, Florida and Auburn follow, with

home games against Ole Miss and Georgia Tech finishing the regular season.

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**FLORIDA
GATORS**

Not once since 1990, when Steve Spurrier took the reins of the Florida program, had the Gators lost three games in a row. Until 1999. That's where the Gators stand as the 2000 season begins, riding a three-game losing streak (vs. Florida State, vs. Alabama in the SEC Championship Game and vs. Michigan State in the Florida Citrus Bowl).

Suddenly, the Florida team that was so dominant—winning 12 games in 1995 and '96 (national championship) and earning five straight SEC Championship Game appearances (winning four)—appears vulnerable. Alabama ended the Gators' 30-game home win streak at The Swamp, then lost to Alabama again in the SEC Championship Game.

It is a strange situation, indeed, for a team that has won 102 of 125 games under Spurrier's leadership in 10 years. Strange, too, that the Gators' offense is a bit wobbly as Spurrier's 11th season begins. There is a proven quarterback with Jesse Palmer, and Earnest Graham leads a stack of returning running backs.

There are major concerns on the offensive line. Few players were available during spring drills because of injuries and senior departures, so the Gators were forced to pull the defensive line starters to get work done and scrimmaged nine-on-nine instead of 11 players per squad. Five fifth-year offensive linemen were lost from last year's team.

The receiving corps was decimated when underclassmen Travis Taylor and Darrell Jackson declared for the NFL Draft (Taylor going 10th overall), leaving Spurrier to look to inexperienced wide receivers and incoming freshmen for help. Florida still figures to be a passing team, throwing in any situation for any yardage. But players must step forward if the passing game is to carry the same punch it has in the past.

It is an offense with talent, but an offense that lacks depth and experience and features as many question marks as it does threats.

Defense will be the strong point of Florida's team. There are nine starters back, including all four defensive linemen, led by Alex Brown and Gerard Warren. The linebackers are also solid. That group includes Alabama transfer Travis Carroll, who at the end of spring drills was listed as a starter at middle linebacker.

Andra Davis is also back, and some players who played backup roles this season appear ready to handle more responsibility. The top eight players in the secondary—led by Marquand Manuel—are all back.

Florida still carries swagger and talent, and the defense should allow the offense time to get its act together. But it must hurry, with Tennessee hosting the Gators in Knoxville on September 16 in what always seems to be a key game in the SEC's East Division.

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**TENNESSEE
VOLUNTEERS**

Forgive Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer if he feels equal parts pride and disappointment when watching NFL games this season. He is proud to see so many of his

Cedrick Wilson, Tennessee



players take their games to the next level—he just wishes they would wait a bit.

Five key members of last year's team, a team that was 9-3 overall and 6-2 in SEC play, turned down the chance to return for the 2000 season: running back Jamal Lewis, free safety Deon Grant, offensive guard Cosey Coleman, defensive lineman Shawn Ellis and linebacker Raynoch Thompson. Those defections—and the loss of senior players Chad Clifton, Tee Martin, Spencer Riley, Darwin Walker, Dwayne Goodrich and Fred White—created quite a few starting spots for Fulmer to fill. Finding the right people to put in those spots will play a huge factor in the Vols' fortunes.

When Peyton Manning graduated, Martin stepped into his quarterback spot and helped lead the Vols to the national championship two seasons ago. Now that Martin has graduated, it appears Joey Mathews is next. At least for now. True freshmen Casey Clausen and John Rattay, both of whom enrolled in January to go through spring drills, are pushing hard. Mathews is considered a solid player, but he may not be the type of playmaker the Vols have become accustomed to.

A strong running game that features Travis Henry and Travis Stephens will help take some of the pressure off the quarterback. Once again, there are plenty of wide receivers to choose from, including Cedrick Wilson, Donte' Stallworth and Eric Parker. The biggest problem is on the offensive line, which suffered the most losses from a year ago. Left guard Fred Weary returns, but he doesn't have a lot of experienced help. The line play is crucial to the Vols' attack.

On defense, there is some talent, perhaps enough to allow time for the offense to gain some consistency and confidence. John Henderson and Will Overstreet will anchor the line, with Eric Westmoreland and Dominique Stevenson leading the way at linebacker. In the secondary, another traditional Tennessee strength, Andre Lott is the only returning starter. Grant and Goodrich will be missed here, and no doubt opponents will test the Vols in this area.

As usual, there are plenty of athletes, many with big-play potential, on the Tennessee roster. Included on that list this year is wide receiver/kick returner Leonard Scott, a Freshman All-America selection who averaged 27 yards per kickoff return last season and, with seven receptions, averaged 20 yards per catch and scored two touchdowns.

The Vols open with always-tough Southern Mississippi on September 2, then host Florida September 16 following an off-week. Louisiana-Monroe follows, with LSU, Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, Memphis, Arkansas, Kentucky and Vanderbilt trailing.

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KENTUCKY
WILDCATS

Some critics suggest Dusty Bonner's impressive numbers of a year ago—he led the SEC in passing yards per game, passing efficiency and total offense—were more the result of coach Hal Mumme's system than a true reflection of the quarterback's talent. That argument may still be waged this season.

Still, there are some points that should be made. Bonner, in his first season replacing Tim Couch, the NFL's first pick in the 1999 draft, operated behind a completely rebuilt offensive line, one that had its troubles protecting Bonner. This spring, an experienced

line went to work—every starter there returned—and Bonner held off the challenge of redshirt freshman Jared Lorenzen, Kentucky's Mr. Football in 1998. Bonner will also have the benefit of a year's experience in the system against SEC competition and eight other returning starters on offense.

Just as importantly, he'll have a larger group of experienced receivers to call upon in Mumme's pass-happy system, including Garry Davis, Brad Pyatt, Quentin McCord, Derek Abney and Neal Brown, plus halfback Derek Homer. The favorite targets (tight end James Whalen and wideout Anthony White) are gone, but there are more receivers from whom to choose.

If Kentucky is going to make strides in the SEC, even in the SEC East, it must make big strides on defense. While the Wildcats were scoring 28.6 points a game, they were allowing 29.4, worst in the league. Kentucky also ranked 11th in total defense and 11th in rushing defense. Getting in the end zone hasn't been all that difficult since Mumme arrived in Lexington; keeping the other team out of the end zone has presented some problems.

Dennis Johnson, Kentucky



BRUCE SCHWARTZMAN

Again, there's the other side of the coin with this team: They led the SEC by creating 31 turnovers (15 fumbles, 16 interceptions). The aggressive, make-something-happen approach on defense usually puts the 'Cats in an all-or-nothing situation.

Seven starters return on defense, but that number is hampered by the fact that three of four starters on the defensive line were lost. End Dennis Johnson, a player with great quickness and big-play capability, is the lone returnee, and there are few choices from those remaining to fill the other spots. The 'Cats will be thin up front. Incoming freshmen will get a chance to play right away.

The linebackers must fill the void left by the departure of Jeff Snedegar, but there is some help there with the return of Ryan Murphy, Marlon McCree and Chris Gayton. The secondary will be the strength of the defense, with all four starters returning, plus 1998 Freshman All-America selection David Johnson, who missed last season with a broken eye socket. The defensive backs are talented and deep—and they get the added experience of going against Kentucky's passing offense in practice each week.

The schedule once again finds the 'Cats playing all three non-conference games in a row to start the season (at Louisville and South Florida and Indiana at home), then opening the SEC slate with two tough road games—at Florida and at Ole Miss.

5 VANDERBILT COMMODORES

The most important returnees to Vanderbilt's program this year? The coaches. The entire staff from last season has returned intact, the first time that has happened in many seasons. Instead of introductions and, in some previous cases, learning a completely new system, the Commodores spent the entire spring working to better the existing system and improving the play of those who will execute that system.

Does that guarantee a better record? No. But it does improve Vandy's chances toward that goal, as will the fact the Commodores have seven starters back on offense and nine returning on defense, including All-America candidate Jamie Winborn at linebacker, who has led the SEC in tackles the past two seasons.

In the opposite approach of Kentucky, Vandy has been a team that has produced good defensive play but has not been able to back it up offensively. Vandy threw for 12

touchdowns last season, but suffered 17 interceptions. Vandy was third in passing defense, but collected just six interceptions, worst in the league.

The key for the Commodores this season is continuity and experience. They have both—not large doses of experience but more than in recent seasons. For example, two seasons ago, no Vandy quarterback had taken a snap in a college game. This year, Greg Zolman, who passed for 2,059 yards last year, had to hold off Florida transfer Tim Olmstead and redshirt freshman Benji Walker to keep his job, and some feel Olmstead may yet win the job.

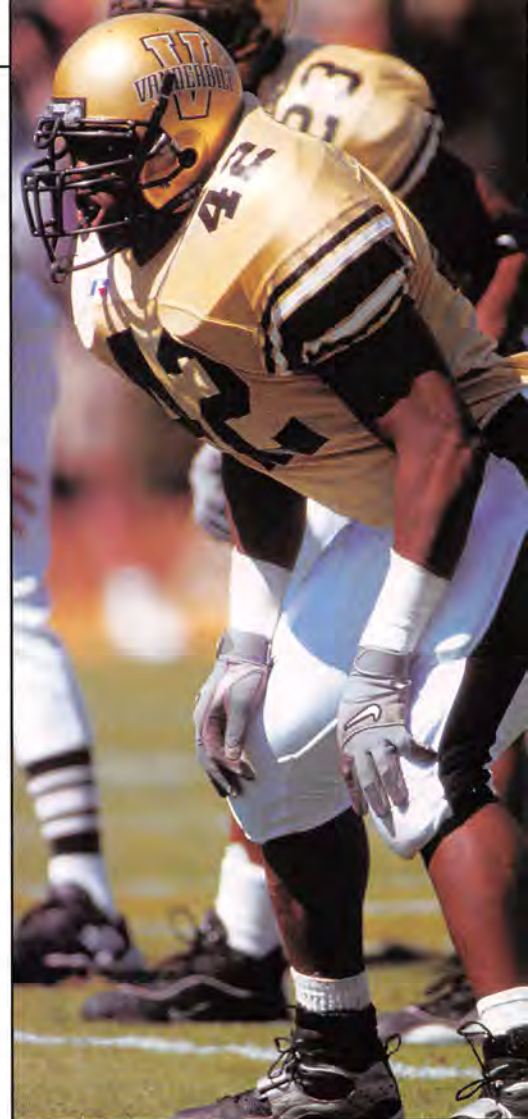
All of the Commodores' running backs from a year ago return. The offensive line features three returning starters and tight end Elliott Carson. What's more, there has been some depth developed at those positions, another added feature for the program. Senior Pat Green is a svelte 335 pounds, the 6-foot-7 lineman having dropped 40 pounds.

The problem on offense is at wide receiver. Anthony Jones is back after a year away from the field and he'll help, but for the most part there is little experience at the position.

Defense should once again carry the Commodores. A move to a 3-4 alignment last year began to show signs of strength late in the year, and it again appeared strong in spring drills. With Winborn back, the linebackers are the leaders of the defense. The position has good talent and experience, including Antuan Bradford and Nate Morrow.

The defensive line, with the 3-4 look, has more depth because there are less players there. That also allows Vandy to place its better defensive players at linebacker, where they have more freedom and opportunities to make plays. The secondary should be improved but must find a way to create more turnovers.

Some feel this could be Vandy's best effort since the 1982 team earned a bowl invitation,



Jamie Winborn, Vanderbilt

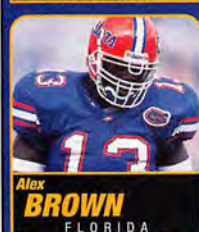
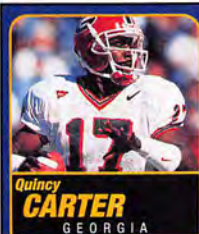
one of only three in the school's history. But it should also be measured by the fact that the Commodores have won only 11 SEC games the past three seasons and only 10 total games. Vandy has never won the SEC title and its schedule—Alabama, Ole Miss, Georgia, Florida and Tennessee are among its league foes—seems to indicate that fact may remain unchanged.

ALL-SEC TEAM

OFFENSE

DEFENSE

QB Quincy Carter	JR Georgia	DL Alex Brown	JR Florida
RB Deuce McAllister	SR Ole Miss	DL Kenny Smith	SR Alabama
RB Travis Henry	SR Tennessee	DL Richard Seymour	SR Georgia
WR Freddie Milons	JR Alabama	LB Saleem Rasheed	SO Alabama
WR Ronney Daniels	SO Auburn	LB Jamie Winborn	JR Vanderbilt
TE Javaris Johnson	SR Georgia	LB Eddie Strong	JR Ole Miss
OL Paul Hogan	SR Alabama	LB Eric Westmoreland	SR Tennessee
OL Griff Redmill	SR Alabama	DB Larry Casher	SR Auburn
OL Fred Weary	JR Tennessee	DB Fred Smoot	SR Miss. St.
OL Kenyatta Walker	JR Florida	DB Ryan Clark	JR LSU
OL Pork Chop Womack	SR Miss. St.	DB Marquand Manuel	JR Florida
PK Jeff Chandler	SR Florida	P Damon Duval	FR Auburn



SEC*Phil Petty, South Carolina***6****SOUTH CAROLINA
GAMECOCKS**

Lou Holtz had plenty of one-liners last season, but he didn't have any answers for South Carolina's woes as the Gamecocks became the first SEC team to ever go winless in a season, posting an 0-11 record. That puts South Carolina's winless streak at 21 games heading into this season, a year in which the chances for ending that streak improve but the overall prognosis remains shaky.

The Gamecocks will open the season with four consecutive home games and five home games in the first seven. With New Mexico State visiting for the season opener and Eastern Michigan in Columbia two weeks later, there is optimism for ending the string of futility. But there still remains Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi State, Florida and Alabama on the schedule.

To say the Gamecocks have made changes would be a vast understatement. During spring drills, the offense utilized several different sets—shotgun, four-receiver sets, one-back sets, power I—and will likely call on many of those sets during the regular season. Such

action is the result of an offense that produced just 7.9 points a game last season, good for dead last in the league and 12.4 points less than No. 11 LSU. The Gamecocks were also last in passing offense, total offense and passing efficiency.

Defensively, the changes are just as drastic, the reasons just as obvious. The Gamecocks allowed 25.3 points a game (10th in the league) last season. So this year there will be a new look: the 3-3-5, which uses rovers and takes advantage of two areas where the team's best athletes play (linebacker and secondary). The alignment will allow for a rover in the secondary who can attack or help on pass coverage. It will also allow freedom for the linebackers.

Whether those changes will produce results remains to be seen. There is some optimism.

On offense, the biggest concern is on a line that was decimated by injuries last season, forcing the movement of some defensive linemen to offense and leading to 16 players getting playing time on the line. Philip Jones will start at center and the tackles will be Melvin Paige and true freshman Travelle Wharton. Phil Petty is the quarterback and the running game is sound with Derek Watson and Andrew Pinnock. At wide receiver are All-SEC candidate Jermale Kelly,

James Adkisson and Corey Alexander.

Five strong defensive players (including first-round NFL pick John Abraham and Arturo Freeman) are gone, but an abundance of linebacker-type players create some excitement on defense, along with the new alignment. Cleveland Pinkney and Cecil Caldwell will help on the line and Kalimba Edwards and Andre Offing have talent at linebacker. In the secondary, look for Rashad Faison, Sheldon Brown and Antione Nesmith (moved to free safety from running back) to be the leaders.

SEC WEST**1****ALABAMA****CRIMSON TIDE**

Things are back to normal in Tuscaloosa, and that's not merely a reflection of the football team's return to prominence in the league. At the beginning of last season, it appeared there would be more disappointment and upheaval than celebration. Instead, the 1999 season became one to remember.

Alabama ended Florida's 30-game win streak in The Swamp, stopping the Gators in overtime. The Tide beat Florida again in the SEC Championship Game. In fact, Alabama won eight of its final 10 games, beating arch

Freddie Milons, Alabama

LEFT: PHILIP M. WILLIAMS, RIGHT: KENT GIDLEY

rival Auburn in Auburn for the first time, stopping Ole Miss in Oxford and beating Mississippi State.

All this occurred after the turmoil created by coach Mike DuBose's admission of an "improper relationship" with a university employee, a situation that put his job in jeopardy and the program in a precarious situation. It also came after losing to Louisiana Tech in Birmingham on a hope-and-a-prayer pass play. The success came when it seemed only trouble would befall the team.

Yet the Tide players and coaches stuck together, building a strong bond and strong team along the way. That bond remains as Alabama aims for a second straight SEC crown this season, which would be its 22nd in all.

Even with loss of one-time Heisman Trophy candidate Shaun Alexander and offensive lineman Chris Samuels, the third overall pick in the NFL Draft, Alabama has enough talent to repeat. But there are some issues to settle.

The foremost concern heading into the season is the status of the running back position. What appeared to be a deep position, even with the loss of Alexander, could face trouble. Santonio Beard, who rushed for more than 100 yards in the spring game, underwent knee surgery after spring and may be lost for the season. Shaun Bohanon was held out of spring drills and must take care of some academic work to be eligible in the fall. Brandon Miree suffered a broken leg in the spring but is expected to be ready for the season. That leaves Ahmaad Galloway, who also rushed for more than 100 yards in the spring game, to head the attack. He has the skills for the job.

Another question to be answered: Who will start at quarterback? DuBose and quarterbacks coach Charlie Stubbs, who calls the offensive plays, have said they want to pick one player—either Andrew Zow or Tyler Watts—to be the starter. The other will serve as a backup instead of splitting time as occurred later in the season a year ago. Zow is a better drop-back passer, while Watts is better at roll-outs and running with the ball. Both have qualities to add to the offense, only one will get the job.

Everywhere else, Alabama is settled, and at every position the Tide is deep. Paul Hogan, Will Cuthbert and Griff Redmill make the offensive line strong, with Terry Jones and Shawn Draper handling tight end chores. Freddie Milons, one of the league's most exciting players, will be given the football this season in a variety of ways. He leads a wide receiver group that is the best in Tuscaloosa in some time. Antonio Carter,



Deuce McAllister, Ole Miss

Jason McAddley, Sam Collins, Brandon Greer, Michael James and Roberto McBride give the position plenty of depth and options.

Probably the biggest positive for the offense is Stubbs' play-calling. He has been given almost total control of the offense.

Defensively, Alabama is strong once again, returning nine starters to a unit that placed second in rushing defense and fourth in total defense among SEC teams last year. The Crimson Tide is becoming a team with some offensive punch and the defense to make that punch even more effective.

Linebacker Saleem Rasheed leads the defense and could be the best defensive player in the SEC, at least the most active and visible. He'll have quite a bit of help. Kenny King, Kenny Smith and Kindal Moorehead make Alabama strong up front, with Marvin Constant aiding Rasheed at linebacker. The secondary is loaded, with Milo Lewis, Gerald Dixon, Kecal Bailey, Reggie Myles, Shontua Ray, Marcus Spencer, Tony Dixon, Hirsch Bolden and Charles Jones all battling for playing time.

The schedule features some challenges and changes. Auburn will play the Tide in Tuscaloosa for the first time in many years in the final game of the regular season, while the Tide opens the season on the road against UCLA in the Rose Bowl. In between, Alabama

also faces Arkansas, Tennessee and Mississippi State on the road, but gets the Ole Miss Rebels, considered to be the Tide's biggest West challenger, in Tuscaloosa.

2 OLE MISS REBELS

While Alabama was making its climb back to the top of the SEC heap, Ole Miss was demonstrating growing strength, despite the effects of NCAA sanctions that drastically cut its scholarship numbers and depth.

First-year coach David Cutcliffe meshed his offensive philosophies with a talented roster to lead the Rebels to an 8-4 overall record, but all four losses came in the league (Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi State and Vanderbilt). The offense improved as the year went along, becoming more comfortable with Cutcliffe's game plans. It also improved when 2000 Heisman Trophy candidate Deuce McAllister's injured shoulder healed. The big All-SEC back rushed for more than 100 yards in each of the Rebels' final five games, including a stellar performance in Mississippi's overtime win over Oklahoma in the Independence Bowl.

McAllister is back, anxious to prove his abilities as a healthy player for a complete season. He led the SEC last season in all-purpose yards. Not only will he get his share of carries but he will likely also be a favorite

target on passes out of the backfield—anything to get him the ball. Behind him is Joe Gunn, who is a more-than-able backup.

Several others are back on offense, including starting quarterback Romaro Miller, who gained effectiveness in the latter parts of last season as he became more comfortable running Cutcliffe's offense. Behind Miller will be redshirt freshman Eli Manning, brother of Peyton (Cutcliffe's prize pupil as offensive coordinator at Tennessee) and son of Archie.

In fact, the Ole Miss talent level is the best the Rebels have had in several years. Last year's team featured nine players who were drafted or signed NFL free-agent contracts. Indeed, this could be the year the Rebels win their first SEC crown since 1963.

Other offensive positives include a good line (Terrence Metcalf, Keydrick Vincent, Ben Claxton) and a wide receiver corps that features Maurice Flournoy and Grant Heard. Former quarterback Doug Zeigler will start at tight end and Les Binkley is solid as the team's placekicker.

The defensive line is the area of greatest concern heading into fall practice. Four tackles from last season have been lost and depth across the line will be a real problem. Eddie Strong, the Rebels' leading tackler last year, has been moved from outside linebacker to inside linebacker, and some defensive ends have been moved to tackle.

Ends Derrick Burgess and Shane Elam are back, and Shawn Johnson will try to fill the void left by the departure of Armegis Spearman at linebacker. In the secondary, Syniker Taylor leads the way with Justin Coleman and Ken Lucas. Anthony McGee and Kenny Woods will also see playing time in the defensive backfield.

The schedule could weigh in the Rebels' favor, with seven home games, including four of the first five games. Among the visitors to Oxford will be Auburn, UNLV, LSU and Mississippi State. The trouble with the schedule is three of the Rebels' four trips are to Alabama, Arkansas and Georgia.

3 MISSISSIPPI STATE BULLDOGS

The Bulldogs have been hovering around the upper half of the West Division for a while now, playing the role of a team with a chance to win the title that usually stumbles along the way. Mississippi State



Wayne Madkin, Mississippi State

represented the West in the SEC Championship Game two years ago and was runner-up to Alabama last season.

Once again, there is talent to contend, but there are also areas of concern and questions that must be answered. Most of the questions are on defense, where only three starters return. While the starting lineup is strong enough to compete in the SEC, depth will be a big problem and some of the starters will be new to the system and school.

Still, middle-of-the-road seems to be the most familiar ground for the Bulldogs, who are 59-44-2 under coach Jackie Sherrill in nine seasons. Last year's 10-2 mark put MSU in the Peach Bowl.

Offensively, the Bulldogs should show some improvement, especially up front. Pork Chop Womack and Kenric Fairchild return at tackles and Michael Fair has been moved from guard back to his original position as center. A pair of Junior College All-America picks, Tommy Watson and Courtney Lee (both 6-foot-6, 300-plus pounds), are expected to start at the guard spots.

That kind of experience in the trenches will be helpful for a team that prefers running the football with a power game. It's good news for sophomore running back Dontae Walker, who will receive more carries this

year, and backup Denczo Miller and fullback Justin Griffith. Offensive coordinator Sparky Woods should feel more comfortable thanks to the improved line, talented backs, bevy of receivers and good tight ends to run his attack—not to mention the year's experience the players have with his system.

Perhaps most comfortable now is quarterback Wayne Madkin, who enjoyed a good spring. Brandon Butler and highly recruited Kevin Fant are the backups.

At wide receiver, two starters were lost but those available have better speed and probably more overall talent. Terrell Grindle, Clarence Parker and Justin Jenkins should be the favorite targets.

Defensively, Toby Golliday, Dorsett Davis and Ellis Wymys lead the way up front, with Conner Stephens and Mario Haggan being the top ends. Linebacker Barris Grant injured his knee during spring drills and his status is uncertain. If he can't return, Haggan may be moved to his spot.

Fred Smoot, an All-SEC pick, leads the secondary, with Julius Griffin, Shawn Byrdson and Eugene Liger helping as well as Pig Prather, Kendall Roberson and walk-on Josh Morgan.

MSU has fewer home games (five) than any team in the SEC, and the Bulldogs play their first three games (Memphis, BYU and South Carolina) on the road.

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AUBURN
TIGERS

The jury is still out on the Tigers, a team that won its first three games last season (but needing late scores to beat Appalachian State and Idaho) only to drop the next five before beating Central Florida and surprising Georgia in Athens. It was a team with no consistency and lots of questions.

This season brings more options, especially at quarterback and wide receiver, and hope at running back. It also brings question marks on the offensive and defensive lines and the continued need for consistency.

What it all means is this: Auburn, on the whole, will still be a question mark. It could again be the type of team that needs all of its resources to beat non-conference opponents one week and then suddenly puts it all together in one game, as it did against Georgia.

Hoping to provide some stability is Ben Leard, who returns at quarterback. Leard missed four games because of injuries but became the unquestioned leader of the Tigers' offense. He was pushed in spring drills for the No. 1 spot by former Georgia quarterback (and Junior College All-America last season) Daniel Cobb and Jeff Klein, who was injured at the end of spring. Redshirt freshman Allen Tillman may also figure in the mix.

Running back, a position that used to be an Auburn tradition, has been a weakness in recent seasons. Heath Evans and Rudi Johnson battled for the spot in spring, but incoming freshman Ronnie Brown of Cartersville, Georgia, is expected to contend for the starting role when he arrives. The offensive line, led by center Cole Cubelic, was a M.A.S.H. unit in spring, with several players suffering injuries. It is the area of greatest concern heading into the fall. The line must do a better job of protecting Leard and providing running room for the backs.

Look for the Tigers to put the ball in the air a lot, an effort to take advantage of a surplus of talented receivers led by returning All-SEC pick Ronney Daniels. With newcomer Deandre Green joining the team, Daniels won't be the only receiver opposing defenses must guard. Green has big-play potential. Add Travaris Robinson, who beat out Clifton Robinson for the slot receiver spot, and Auburn has strong talent here.

The added talent will be needed. Auburn was 11th in the SEC in total offense and last in rushing offense (68 yards per game), while

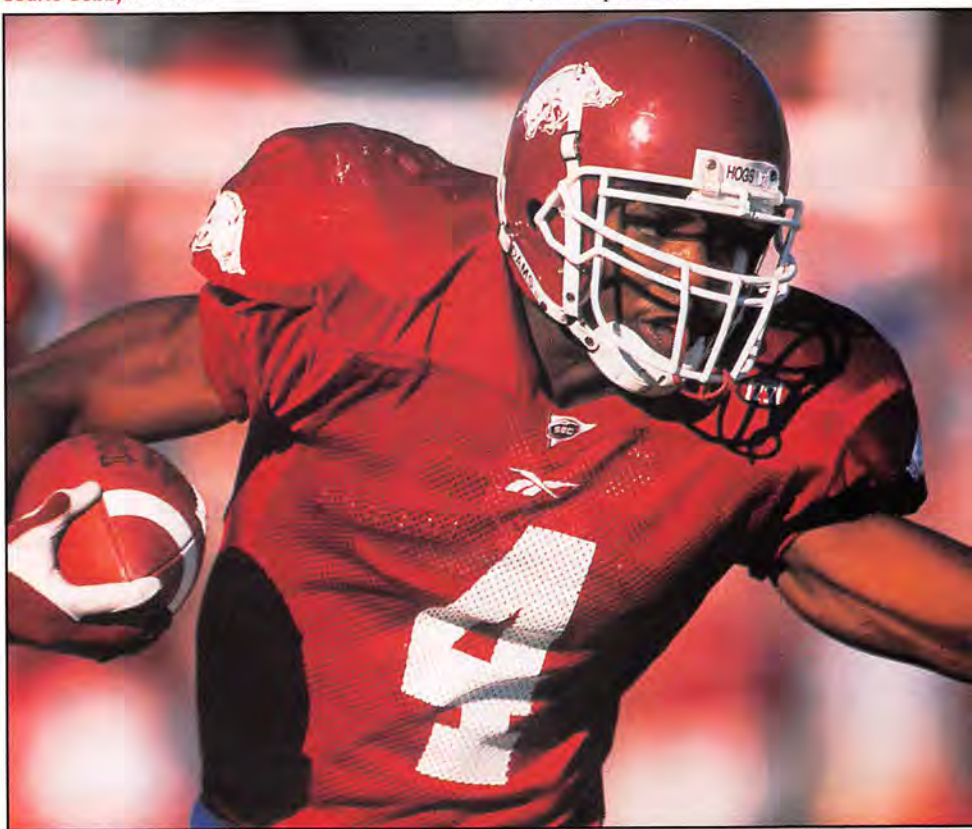
placing 10th in scoring offense (20.6 points per game). Defense was also a problem, with the Tigers placing 10th in total defense (allowing 363.5 yards a game) and 11th in passing defense (260.5).

Up front, there will be youth and inexperience. Three of the four Tiger defensive linemen from a year ago were picked in the NFL Draft. Remaining is Josh Weldon at tackle, and Auburn is hoping redshirt freshman DeMarco McNeil, Alabama's Mr. Football in 1998, will step forward. Running back Reggie Torbor has been moved to defensive end and two juco transfers, Alton Moore and Javor Moore, are expected to help right away.

At linebacker, Alex Lincoln returns, as does James Callier, who had knee surgery in '98 but appears to be returning to form. Tavarreus Pounds looked good at outside linebacker and freshman Dontarrious Thomas has a chance to earn a starting spot on the outside.

The strength of Auburn's defense will be the secondary, where All-SEC candidate Larry Casher returns along with Rob Pate and Rodney Crayton. Stanford Simmons and Roshard Gilyard will battle for the free safety spot.

Freshman Philip Yost, a *USA Today* All-America pick, is expected to claim the place-kicking duties, with Damon Duval punting.

Cedric Cobb, Arkansas

It will be interesting to see how the Tigers respond to the second season under coach Tommy Tuberville. Four of Auburn's first five games will be played at home, the lone trip being Tuberville's first trip back to Ole Miss since leaving the Rebels' program.

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ARKANSAS
RAZORBACKS

There is a case of role reversal being played out in Fayetteville. Last season, the Razorbacks had depth and talent at the skill positions on offense, but inexperience on the offensive line. This season, the line looks to be a strength, while the skill positions have several new members and a lot of questions marks.

What does it mean? Coach Houston Nutt used one of his scholarships to sign a kicker—Brennan O'Donohoe—for the first time since taking over the Arkansas program in 1998. The Razorbacks, who finished third in scoring offense last year with the help of Anthony Lucas, Chrys Chukwuma, Clint Stoerner and Joe Dean Davenport, will be counting every point this season.

Defensively, four of five starters in the secondary (including three players who were four-year starters) are gone. The biggest commodity on the unit, with the exception of the line, is inexperience.

What it all means is that Arkansas will have to find some young help quickly, perhaps for starting roles. And that means preseason practice will be important, as the new players try to mesh with the few (nine) returning starters.

Granted, the young talent Nutt has assembled in his last two recruiting classes is good, a fact that is starting to get noticed. But in this league, inexperienced players—even talented inexperienced players—can have trouble adjusting quickly.

One of the top priorities in spring was finding a new quarterback to replace Stoerner. Robby Hampton exited spring drills as the starter, but Gary Brashears Jr. is a close second. Nutt has not favored a two-quarterback system in the past, which means the race will only thicken as the season nears.

Cedric Cobb, who set a school record for rushing yards as a freshman last season and was named to the SEC All-Freshman Team, will ease some of the burden on the new quarterback. He has solid skills and talent and, without Chukwuma, will be counted on more heavily this season. He has the ability to

respond to that call. Cobb will get help from the guys up front, led by Shannon Money, Kenny Sandlin and Josh Melton. At tight end, Marcellus Poydras and J. Strain will split time.

Receiver is a position that could be strong, even though five seniors have departed, including Lucas. Boo Williams returns and has a chance at an impressive year, with Michael Snowden (redshirted last year after playing his first three years) ready to return to productivity. Also keep an eye on Sparky Hamilton and Richard Smith.

Quenton Caver leads a defense that will have to step forward in a hurry while the offense is finding its personality. The All-SEC linebacker will get support up front from nose guard Curt Davis and ends Carlos Hall and Randy Garner. It is in the secondary where most of the concern rests. Juco transfer Corey Harris, who was redshirted last season, will be counted on at free safety, with D'Andre Berry, Jeremiah Harper and walk-on Jimmy Beasley also figuring into the mix.

The schedule could help, especially if Nutt continues his current trend. Since he took over the Razorbacks, Arkansas has not lost a home game. That will serve the team well with the first five games in Fayetteville or Little Rock (including Georgia and Alabama) and seven home games in all.

back on offense and eight more on defense. Also, there is plenty of experience in that group—there are 13 upperclassmen among those 17 starters.

Even with all that experience, there are questions. Perhaps the most intriguing questions are associated with the offense. There are three players with experience at quarterback, led by Josh Booty. Despite Booty's much-ballyhooed arrival at LSU last year after a stint in professional baseball, he didn't have the kind of season most expected. He passed for 1,830 yards and seven touchdowns but was intercepted 19 times and had his confidence shaken a bit. Rohan Davey, who lost the starting job to Booty early in the season, is back in the hunt for the starting role, and Craig Nall is chasing it, too. At the end of spring, Booty held a slight lead.

Whoever wins the QB race will have capable receivers to throw to. Last year's starters, Jerel Myers (64 receptions) and Reggie Robinson (25), are back.

Domanick Davis, a second-team Freshman All-America pick last year, returns at running back, and Tommy Banks will be back at fullback, but depth at the position is limited. The offensive line presents a similar problem; there is some experience, including tackles Louis Williams and Brandon Winey, but little depth, a no-no in the SEC.

Defense is where the biggest change must come if the Bengal Tigers are to extract themselves from the SEC West cellar. They finished last in rushing defense (allowing 153 yards a game) and ninth in total defense (350). Most LSU fans placed the blame for that particular trouble on the shoulders of former defensive coordinator Lou Tepper. Much will be expected from Tepper's replacement, Phil Elmassian, former secondary coach at Wisconsin.

Not only is Tepper gone, but so is a lot of the Tigers' defensive talent. On the line, there is little experience and less depth. There is some experience and talent at linebacker and the secondary but, while there is good experience in the secondary, most of those players will not be playing the same positions this season. In short, there is much work ahead.

Linebackers Jarvis Green and Treverance Faulk lead the defense, which is switching from a 3-4 alignment to a 4-3 setup. Ryan Clark, Fred Booker and Norman LeJeune return in the secondary.

Seven of LSU's first nine games are at home, but the road games in that stretch are Auburn and Florida. The Tigers finish the year at Ole Miss and Arkansas.

Josh Booty, LSU



6 LSU TIGERS

Disappointment has haunted the Tigers' past two seasons. Expectations were high both years and results were low. Louisiana State posted a 3-8 record last year that included eight consecutive losses. In 1998, LSU was expected to contend for the West crown, but instead had a 4-7 record that included just two league wins. LSU is 3-13 against SEC opponents the last two years.

The next result was obvious: coach Gerry DiNardo exited. Enter former Michigan State coach Nick Saban, who accepted a lucrative contract and all the pressures that accompany the position, especially on Saturday nights in Tiger Stadium, which has been expanded to seat more than 91,000 this year.

There is the usual excitement that accompanies the start of a new season with a new staff, and there is some talent on the LSU roster. Expectations are high again, too, but those expectations are tempered by the results of the previous two seasons.

Saban does not arrive in Baton Rouge to an empty cupboard. There are nine starters

WAC

Horned Frogs have great expectations in potential Heisman season for star back Tomlinson.

BY MIKE BROWN
TULSA WORLD

Timing is everything, and for the sake of the Western Athletic Conference, the Texas Christian Horned Frogs couldn't have picked a worse time. Just when TCU seems poised to become a player on college football's national stage, the Horned Frogs are about to leave the far-flung conference to become a new member of Conference USA.

It's another disappointment for the league's other schools, who are fighting long odds to hold together after eight prodigal cousins left them high and dry by pulling out to form the Mountain West Conference.

But TCU has one more WAC season and could take part in a banner year for the entire league.

Travel concerns are still immense in a conference that stretches over five time zones (from Houston to Hawaii). None of the teams has strong recognition outside its own region and the WAC's TV package (with Fox Sports Net) could be stronger.

However, every team, with the possible exceptions of Fresno (which went 8-5) and new member Nevada, has a chance to be improved over last season, when TCU, Hawaii and Fresno tied for the league title and went 2-1 in bowl games.

Under first-year coach June Jones, Hawaii made the greatest one-year improvement in NCAA history, finishing 9-4 after going 0-12 the year before.

TCU matched its best record (8-4) in 40 years. The Horned Frogs could charge into the Top 25, and the Frogs' running back, LaDainian Tomlinson, is a strong candidate for the Heisman Trophy. He was 14th in the balloting last year after leading the nation with 1,850 yards rushing.



LaDainian Tomlinson, Texas Christian

PREDICTIONS

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| 1. Texas Christian | 6. Southern Methodist |
| 2. Fresno State | 7. Tulsa |
| 3. Hawaii | 8. San Jose State |
| 4. Texas-El Paso | 9. Nevada |
| 5. Rice | |

1 TEXAS CHRISTIAN HORNED FROGS

Second-year coach Dennis Franchione welcomes back 21 starters, including his full complement of offensive linemen and potential Heisman Trophy running back LaDainian Tomlinson.

Tackles David Bobo and Michael Keathley, guards Jeff Millican and Victor Payne and center Jeff Garner have combined to start 80 collegiate games for the Horned Frogs.

Last year, Bobo earned All-WAC first-team honors and Keathley and Millican were second-teamers.

The Frogs won eight of their last 10 games last season and won a bowl game for a second

straight year (beating East Carolina in the Mobile Alabama Bowl), something they hadn't done since 1937.

Franchione (15-9 at TCU) followed up those successes by signing a bumper recruiting crop. Running back Tyson Thompson and tackle Brandon Johnson are rated among the nation's top incoming freshmen.

All-WAC defensive end Aaron Schobel, tackle Shawn Worthen, linebackers Shannon Brazzell and Chad Bayer and three starters from the secondary return for a defensive unit that ranked fifth nationally in total defense (284.5 yards per game).

Sophomore quarterback Casey Printers is one of the league's best. He was 8-2 in 10 starts as a freshman last season.

Tomlinson has 3,105 career rushing yards (1,850 of them coming last season) and 32 TDs. He needs 645 yards to become the school's all-time leader. Last year, he broke an NCAA record by rushing for 406 yards (and a school-record six TDs) in a 52-24 victory over Texas-El Paso. For the season, he averaged almost seven yards per carry.

2 FRESNO STATE BULLDOGS

The Bulldogs must replace the top-rated passer in the WAC but return nine starters from a defensive unit that ranked second in the league in scoring defense.

They're coming off their best record (8-5) and first bowl appearance in six years, but a difficult schedule may prevent them from doing much better.

Fourth-year coach Pat Hill insists on facing tough opponents. Accordingly, the Bulldogs will play non-conference foes Ohio State, UCLA and California and also must play WAC contenders TCU and UTEP on the road.

Four All-WAC players return—more than any other team in the league—and two of them, receiver Rodney Wright and defensive tackle Alan Harper, are potential All-America candidates.

Wright caught passes for 1,062 yards and seven TDs last year. Harper leads a defense—along with linebacker Orlando Huff and safety Anthony Limbrick—that permitted just 23 fourth-quarter points over Fresno's last six games.

Redshirt junior David Carr is the leading contender to replace starting quarterback Billy Volek, who threw for 2,706 yards and a league-

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE: RB-LaDainian Tomlinson, TCU
DEFENSE: DE-Aaron Schobel, TCU
NEWCOMER: WR-Terrance Smalls, Tulsa

GAMES TO WATCH

Fresno at Ohio State September 2
Hawaii at Texas Christian October 7

Fresno at Texas Christian November 4
Wisconsin at Hawaii November 25

WAC

high 30 touchdowns in '99. Carr spent last year in the coaches' booth, connected by headsets to offensive coordinator Andy Ludwig, and also worked as the scout-team quarterback.

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HAWAII

RAINBOWS

The Rainbow Warriors made first-year coach June Jones the national Coach of the Year (*CNN/SI* and *The Sporting News*) by completing the greatest one-year turnaround (0-12 to 9-4) in NCAA history.

Jones returns the nucleus of last year's solid defensive unit and signed a strong recruiting class. He appears to have the program on track. But he must replace the school's all-time leading passer, Dan Robinson, and the Rainbows face a tough WAC schedule, playing the league's best teams (TCU, Fresno, UTEP and Rice) all on the road this season.

Robinson finished his career with 6,038 passing yards, including 3,853 and 28 TDs last season, when the Rainbows ranked third nationally in passing (321.1 yards per game).

Jones auditioned five solid quarterback candidates in the spring (three more will join the team in August) and has proven playmakers to go with them. Receivers Craig Stutzmann, Channon Harris and Ashley Lelie combined to catch 155 passes and score 16 TDs last season.

Jamal Garland was an All-WAC kick returner and running back Avion Weaver rushed for a team-leading 648 yards and was the MVP in Hawaii's victory over Oregon State in the Oahu Bowl.

Joe Correia, Doug Sims and Mike Iosua return to spearhead a defensive line that could be dominant this season. They combined to make 106 tackles last year. Dee Miller heads an experienced secondary.

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UTEP

MINERS

It isn't often that a 5-7 record generates excitement for the coming season, but in the Miners' case last year's mark represented their winningest in 11 years.

They averaged 25.5 points per game and nearly 400 yards of total offense and ranked 21st nationally in passing offense. UTEP's average attendance (36,455) was its second highest in 37 years.

Gary Nord, who oversaw UTEP's dramatic offensive improvement, now steps up as head coach, replacing Gary Bailey, who resigned after seven seasons.

Nord's challenge is to duplicate last year's offensive production while shoring up a defense that permitted 32.4 points per game. For that, he's hired Larry Hoefer, linebackers coach at Texas Tech the past six years, as his defensive coordinator.

The Miners lose a 1,000-yard rusher (Paul Smith) and half of a dynamite quarterbacking pair. Jay Stuckey (1,918 yards passing, 15 TDs) departs, but Rocky Perez (1,198, four TDs) returns, along with outstanding receivers.

Lee Mays caught passes for 881 yards and nine TDs last season. He and Allan Ray are one of the WAC's best receiving duos. Brian Natkin is the league's best returning tight end.

Linebackers Trey Merckens and Camar Jackson and nose tackle Bobby King are the top returnees on defense.

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RICE

OWLS

Last year, the Owls notched their sixth straight national top 10 finish in rushing offense, had a five-game winning streak, took powerful Texas to the wire (in an 18-13 loss) and went into the last game with a chance to tie for the WAC title.

But they fell short of a winning record, finishing 5-6. They may do better this time out if coach Ken Hatfield can replace key offensive personnel.

The defense should be very good. Nine starters return from a unit that ranked second in the league in total defense. The Owls are so deep in the secondary that Adrian Sadler, a three-year starter at cornerback, will be tried in the offensive backfield.

The offensive line, a key to Rice's successful option running attack, has three returning starters. Left tackle Rod Beavan, a fifth-year senior, will set a school record for career starts if he stays healthy.

Replacing quarterback Chad Richardson was a focal point of spring practice. Richardson played every down last season after Corey Evans was injured in the fourth game, and led the team in rushing with 831 yards.

Evans has starting experience in parts of two seasons, but was withheld from spring drills to continue rehabilitation of his injured knee. Jeremy Hurd served as Richardson's backup as a freshman last season, but saw no game action, saving his redshirt year.

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SOUTHERN METHODIST

MUSTANGS

The Mustangs have rallied in the second half of the season in each of coach Mike Cavan's first three years. Now, they have reason for being ready to play in September.

They're scheduled to open their new 32,000-seat Gerald J. Ford Stadium for a September 2 game against Kansas, marking the return of football to Mockingbird Lane for the first time since 1994.

Last year, SMU lost its first five games before winning four of its last five. Injuries devastated the team and forced Cavan to make wholesale lineup changes. But several young players gained valuable experience and a few stepped into the spotlight. Three freshmen played big roles. Tailback Kris Briggs led the team in rushing (522 yards), receiver Chris "The Comet" Cunningham earned All-WAC honors as a kick returner and freshman Kevin Garrett had a starring year at cornerback.

The offense needs to improve over last year, when SMU averaged just 19.2 points and 298.1 yards per game. Junior Josh McCown, who threw for 1,434 yards and 11 TDs, returns and will have four line starters back to protect for him.

Josh Blankenship, Tulsa



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Deonce Whitaker, San Jose State

All-WAC defenders Jason Simonton (linebacker), Luke Johnson (line) and Tracy Hart (defensive back) have departed, but eight starters and 26 lettermen return. One of the best is redshirt sophomore linebacker Vic Vilorio, SMU's top defensive freshman two years ago.

7 TULSA GOLDEN HURRICANE

Changes are in store for the Golden Hurricane. Keith Burns, an outstanding defensive coach at Rice, USC and Arkansas, takes over his first head-coaching assignment, replacing the popular Dave Rader.

Rader, the school's head coach since 1988, had his supporters but couldn't survive an eighth straight losing season, and was dismissed with four games left. Burns eased into a difficult situation and quickly made friends and inspired confidence with his positive, can-do attitude.

Since his arrival, the school has replaced the worn-out artificial surface at Skelly Stadium and announced that it is trying to raise \$2.5 million for improvements to the aging facility.

Tulsa fans want to see improvement on the field. Last year's team ranked near the bottom of the WAC in nearly every statistical category. Burns has the required talent on hand to beat last year's 2-9 record, but expecting a full-scale turnaround in one year is probably unrealistic.

Quarterback Josh Blankenship threw for 1,416 yards and seven TDs as the WAC

Freshman of the Year and has a veteran flock of receivers with fleet Terrance Smalls (a transfer from Illinois) joining proven seniors Corey Brown and Donald Shoals.

Tulsa also has talent and experience on its offensive line (Steve Schiller, Steve Wiedower, Kevin Shaffer) and excellent inside linebackers (Ashon Farley, Brad Hawkins) and cornerbacks (Sedrick Lusk, Brett Butler).

8 SAN JOSE STATE SPARTANS

Do-everything tailback Deonce Whitaker, a stupendous playmaker, is due to return after undergoing neck surgery in March.

But the Spartans must improve a defensive unit that permitted 40.2 points and 478.6 yards per game last season. Lack of defense is the main reason a team that defeated Rose Bowl-bound Stanford in midseason lost its last five games and tumbled to a 3-7 finish.

Just one starter returns among the defensive front seven. Needing immediate help, coach Dave Baldwin signed 16 players from the junior college ranks, including six defensive linemen.

He's also moved Marshall Blount, the team's top reserve last season, from end to linebacker. With Blount and Ron Ockimey projected as starting outside linebackers, there will be more speed on the perimeter. But there's still plenty of work to be done in the secondary and along the defensive line. Bryan Yeager and John Hammer are the most experienced candidates at tackle.

In addition to Whitaker, the Spartans return seven offensive starters, but must replace quarterback Chris Kasteler, who threw for 2,239 yards and 13 TDs last season. Redshirt sophomore Marcus Arroyo and junior letterman Brennan Crooks are the leading candidates, but freshman transfer Ryan Roahan and juco redshirt Clint Carlson can't be ruled out.

Receivers Shawn Green and Casey LeBlanc combined for 55 receptions and nearly 700 yards last year.

9 NEVADA WOLFPACK

Under new head coach Chris Tormey, Nevada steps up to a new conference as it attempts to bounce back from just its third losing season in the past 20 years.

Wholesale replacements must be made on both offense and defense, but there is one constant. Junior quarterback David Neill

has thrown for 6,649 yards over his first two seasons.

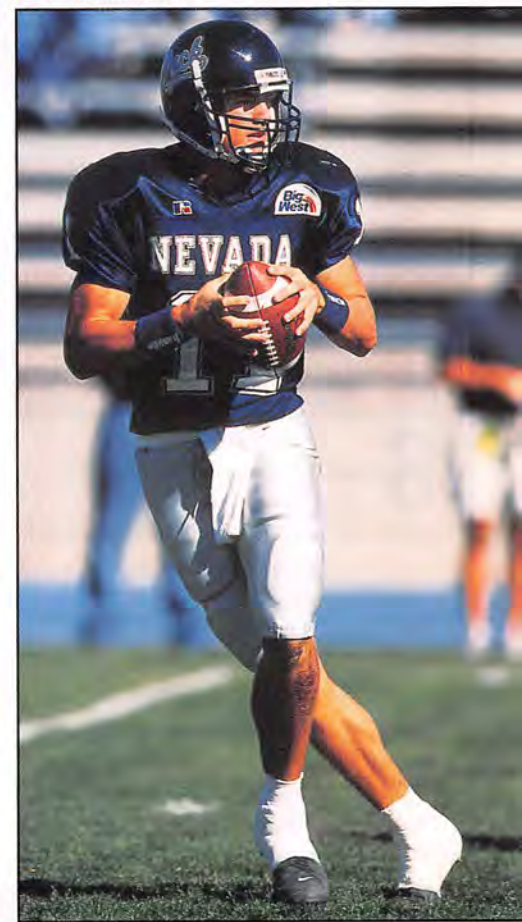
Last year, Neill ranked fourth nationally in total offense (328.3 yards per game) and 16th in passing yardage (3,402). He loses Trevor Insley, who caught 134 passes and led the nation with 2,060 receiving yards, but Mo Jones and Jermaine Brown teamed to catch 28 balls last year.

Eight starters must be replaced from a porous defense that permitted 38 points and 470.2 yards per game. The special teams appear to be solid. Norm Brady punted for a 41.8-yard average last year and may be the best in the WAC this season.

Nevada is Tormey's second head-coaching stop. Over the past five years, he guided Idaho, his collegiate alma mater, to a 33-23 record and won the first bowl game in school history. Before that, he attended 10 bowl games in 11 years as an assistant and then defensive coordinator at the University of Washington.

Tormey wants to restore a winning tradition that saw Nevada win four outright conference titles and share two others over the past couple of decades. But this probably won't be a championship year.

David Neill, Nevada



MOUNTAIN WEST

Parity should rule again in MWC's second year.

BY LOREN JORGENSEN
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In 1999 the Mountain West Conference, in its first year in existence, would have benefited from one of its teams running the table in league play and earning a Top 10 national ranking. That would have helped put the MWC on the college football map. Instead, parity ruled and nearly half the teams in the league earned a piece of the conference crown.

The result? Not a single one of them even finished the year in the Top 25 and few college football fans outside the Mountain Time Zone have any clue what teams make up the MWC.

So the nation's newest Division I-A league will open its second season still suffering from an identity crisis. And once again the MWC would love to have one of its members post a break-out year. But that's not likely to happen. The eight teams in the league appear just as evenly paired as they were 1999, if not more so. The MWC champion—or co-champions or tri-champions—may once again have two conference losses.

For the record, the MWC consists of schools that broke off from the bloated 16-team Western Athletic Conference a couple of years ago. The teams that defected to the MWC had been the WAC's most successful on the field and at the gate. The result is a solid football league highlighted by regional powers BYU and Air Force.

Yet the Cougars and the Falcons aren't favored to win the league title this year. In fact, both could suffer through second-division finishes. Utah (the only MWC team to win a bowl game last season), Colorado State, Wyoming and San Diego State all enter the Y2K campaign with the legitimate goal of winning the conference title. Even UNLV, which has been bad the past decade or so, has reason for optimism. With an influx of talented transfers and a proven second-year coach in veteran John Robinson, the Rebels could be a league dark horse.

Then again, LaVell Edwards' Cougars and Fisher DeBerry's Falcons should never be counted out.

PREDICTIONS

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| 1. Utah | 5. UNLV |
| 2. Colorado State | 6. San Diego State |
| 3. BYU | 7. Air Force |
| 4. Wyoming | 8. New Mexico |

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UTAH
UTES

Steve Smith may have an ordinary-sounding name, but he's no ordinary football player. The diminutive (5-8, 175 pounds) receiver/return specialist was the Utes' big-play man a year ago, averaging 78.2 yards per game receiving and 17.1 yards per punt return. Smith scored 11 touchdowns, eight on catches and three more on returns. Smith fans would call him outspoken. Detractors would say he's arrogant. All would agree he makes things happen for the Utes.

Or at least made things happen. Smith is a candidate for the MWC's Offensive Player of the Year—if he can stay as daring as he was

in 1999. That remains to be seen, however, since he is coming off a scary injury, fracturing his fourth cervical vertebrae against BYU in the regular-season finale. He missed Utah's Las Vegas Bowl victory and spring practices.

Steve Smith, Utah



Matt Newton, Colorado State

Smith is expected to be ready to go in the fall for coach Ron McBride's club, though, and he has two senior quarterbacks returning who have both shown the ability to get him the ball. Darnell Arceneaux opened '99 as the starter and would have stayed there if he hadn't gone down with injuries. In Arceneaux's place McBride inserted former walk-on T.D. Croshaw.

Croshaw, who went 4-1 as a starter, is the better passer of the two and had a slight lead in the QB derby coming out of spring drills. Arceneaux, who has been starting off-and-on for three years, is the better athlete with outstanding scrambling ability. Both will see action.

The Utes believe running backs D'Shaun Crockett and Thomas Fortune can combine to step into the void left by departed all-league rusher Mike Anderson. The offensive line should also be a strength, headed by tackle Doug Kaufusi (6-6, 305) and guard Sam White (6-3, 287).

The defense will be led by senior line-backer Kautai Olevao, a two-time all-league choice, and cornerback Andre Dyson, the brother of former Ute and current Tennessee Titan Kevin Dyson.

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE: QB-Jay Stoner, Wyoming
DEFENSE: LB-Kautai Olevao, Utah
NEWCOMER: RB-Kevin Brown, UNLV

GAMES TO WATCH

Colorado State at Utah October 21
Wyoming at BYU October 26

Wyoming at Colorado State November 16
BYU at Utah November 24

2**COLORADO STATE
RAMS**

Sonny Lubick has built the Rams into a conference power on a perennial basis. The Rams, who tied Utah and BYU for the inaugural Mountain West title, have won or shared their league championship in four of the past six seasons.

Consider this: Prior to Lubick taking over in Fort Collins in 1993, the Rams had been to just two bowl games in the school's history. Colorado State began fielding a football team in 1893. But under Lubick, CSU has been to four bowl games in six seasons.

With veteran quarterback Matt Newton back, chances are good that the Rams will go bowling once again. Newton threw for 2,368 yards and 18 touchdowns last season and is the MWC's leading returnee in total offense. His decision-making improved last year as the season wore on, helping the Rams win their final five regular-season games.

The offensive line in front of Newton should be solid, anchored by center Justin Borvansky (6-2, 290 pounds) and tackle Tim Stuber (6-5, 315). Dallas Davis, who caught 51 passes for 665 yards in '99, gives Newton a deep threat. Davis is also one of the nation's top punt returners, averaging 16.9 yards per return. Davis returned two punts for touchdowns in leading the Rams over Utah last season.

The biggest offensive question mark for the Rams is at running back, where they lost the MWC's Offensive Player of the Year, Kevin McDougal, to graduation. Rahsaan Sanders will step in. He showed flashes of brilliance last season as a freshman, rushing for 495 yards and four scores on 102 carries.

On defense, the Rams have one of the league's top returning linebackers in Rick Crowell, who played well in '99 despite several injuries.

Colorado State will try to repeat a first-ever feat from a year ago by beating all three of their closest rivals in the Rockies—Colorado, Air Force and Wyoming—in the same season.

3**BRIGHAM YOUNG
COUGARS**

LaVell Edwards likes to play a good non-conference schedule as a rule, but he may have gone too far this time—especially since his team is the only one in the league without an experienced quarterback.

The Cougars open the season against defending national champion Florida State

in Jacksonville, Florida, in the Kickoff Classic. The next week Brigham Young heads to Virginia. After a home conference opener against Air Force, the Cougars host Mississippi State before taking another long trip to play at Syracuse. In all, BYU will travel 10,874 miles, with the majority of them being logged before October 1.

Some way to break in a new quarterback.

Bret Engemann, the backup to departed star Kevin Feterik, figures to be the heir apparent at QB, although Charlie Peterson and Brandon Doman are also in the hunt.

With Margin Hooks around, whoever takes over the QB job will have the MWC's leading returning receiver to throw to. Hooks hauled in 60 passes for 1,067 yards in '99. Having a healthy Luke Staley in the backfield will also help. Staley was the league's top freshman a year ago, rushing for 470 yards on 97 carries with 13 TDs despite missing much of the season with frequent injuries.

The offensive line struggled down the stretch last season when BYU lost its final three games, including the Motor City Bowl to Marshall. The line will have to be improved for the Cougars to win another league crown.

Brigham Young's defense should be solid. Linebacker Justin Ena, defensive end Setema Gali and safety Jared Lee are the stars. The biggest key will be finding a couple of strong cornerbacks.

The Cougars will be in good shape in games that come down to kicking. Owen Pochman made 15 consecutive field goals

during one stretch last season before having a 55-yarder blocked.

If the Cougars can survive their ambitious pre-league slate, they may be battle-tested and ready to make some noise in the conference. Then again, they could be disheartened and poised for their first losing season since 1973.

4**WYOMING
COWBOYS**

Dana Dimel, like Purdue's Joe Tiller and many other Cowboy coaches before him, bolted scenic Laramie as soon as another more prestigious school came calling. Dimel, who led Wyoming to a pair of eight-win seasons, is now at Houston. If he were still at Wyoming, the Cowboys might well be considered the team to beat in the MWC.

Instead, there may be a few growing pains for the Cowboys and new coach Vic Koenning. At 40, Koenning is at least 20 years younger than six of his seven head-coaching counterparts in the league. Koenning isn't unfamiliar with his surroundings, however. He was promoted after serving as Wyoming's defensive coordinator for three seasons.

Koenning plans on installing a new offense along with some subtle changes on defense. The offensive transition will be aided by the return of three-year starter Jay Stoner at quarterback, the preseason MWC Offensive Player of the Year. Stoner has thrown for 6,122 yards

Patrick Chukwurah, Wyoming



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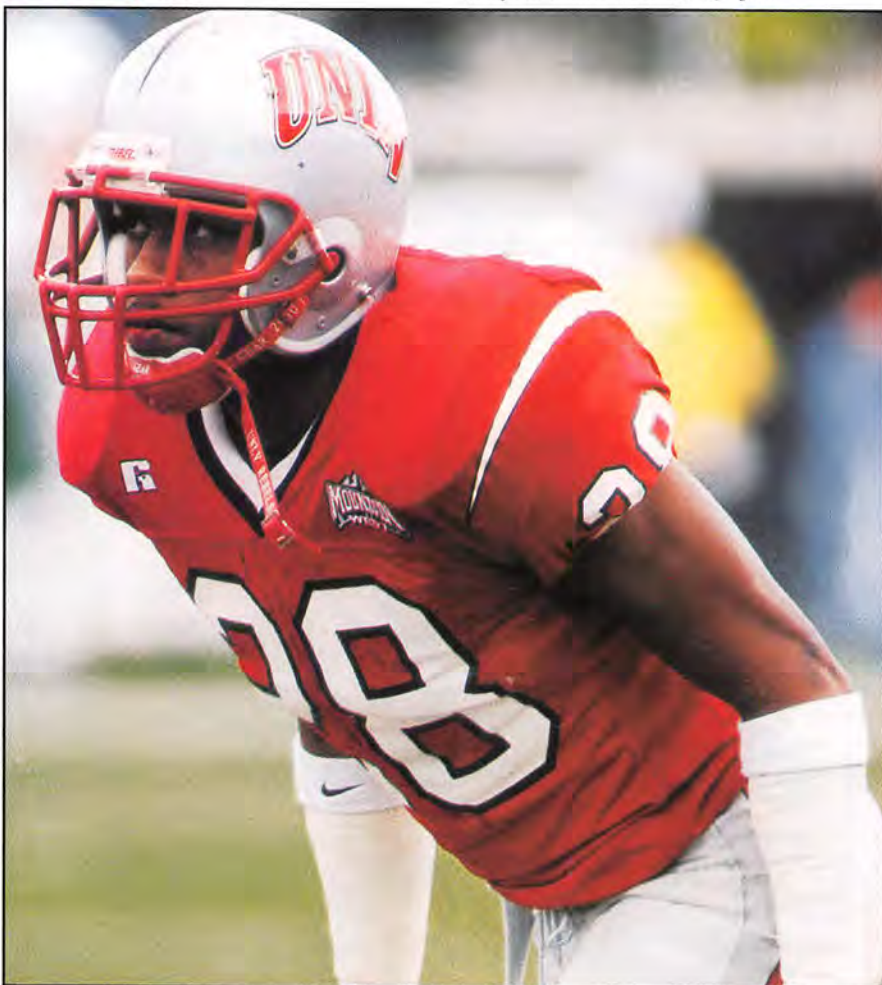
during his career and will likely become Wyoming's all-time leading passer.

Protecting Stoner better this season will be a priority. The Cowboys gave up 47 sacks last season while employing a "triple-shoot" offense with no tight ends. This year Wyoming will have a more conventional look with a tight end. It also has a couple of fine tackles in Rob Kellerman (6-6, 295 pounds) and Adam Goldberg (6-7, 315).

Leading rusher Cliff Brye, who gained 485 yards on 76 carries, is also back. The biggest offensive hole to fill is at receiver. Wyoming's top five pass catchers from a year ago are gone.

Patrick Chukwurah, who plays Wyoming's "bandit" position (a combination of a line-backer and a defensive end), highlights the defense. Al Rich, a former all-conference safety, is coming off an injury-plagued season. He had offseason shoulder surgery and sat out spring drills, but is expected to be ready to go at the start of his senior season.

Kevin Thomas, UNLV



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UNLV

REBELS

The Rebels were much improved in John Robinson's first season in the shadow of Caesar's Palace. UNLV improved from 0-11 in 1998 to 3-8 last season, with all three victories coming on the road.

The Rebels' improvement should continue, although it's doubtful it will be enough to challenge for the conference crown.

UNLV's offense, which ranked an anemic 109th in total offense last season, should be vastly improved with an influx of talent. The Rebels have picked up a pair of fine transfer running backs in Kevin Brown (who rushed for 1,046 yards in '98 for Washington State) and Raymont Skaggs (formerly of Florida State). They will be joined by Jeremi Rudolph, who rushed for 693 yards last season in Vegas, giving the Rebels plenty of weapons in the backfield.

Another newcomer who will vie for playing time is quarterback Jason Thomas, a transfer from Robinson's former employer, Southern Cal. He will compete with Jason Vaughan, last year's starter, for the QB job.

"We are a lot like a team that has gone out on the free-agency market in the NFL," says Robinson, who coached in the NFL for nine years, about his group of transfers.

Nate Turner will likely be UNLV's top receiver once again. He caught 45 passes a year ago for 627 yards and six scores.

On defense the Rebels are led by junior defensive back Kevin Thomas, who had five interceptions and a school-record 24 pass break-ups last season. He is also the guy who returned a fumble 100 yards on the final play of the game to beat Baylor.

UNLV has another major weapon in the foot of Ray Cheetany, who handles both the team's punting and placekicking.

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SAN DIEGO STATE

AZTECS

The Aztecs failed to live up to preseason prognostications last season, finishing just 3-4 in conference play after being one of the early favorites. At least this year coach Ted Tollner's club won't have super-high expectations to try to live up to.

San Diego State lost 14 starters to graduation, including nine on defense. It also lost veteran defensive coordinator Claude Gilbert to retirement.

Still, Tollner isn't in a panic.

"I believe the talent level on this year's team may actually be better than last year's," Tollner says.

The Aztecs might have talent, but they don't have a great deal of experience. The offensive line, which boasted three all-league players, will have to almost be completely rebuilt. Only tackle Mike Houghton (6-5, 310 pounds) returns.

SDSU has some experience at quarterback, where Jack Hawley is back for his senior season. Hawley passed for 1,942 yards and 15 touchdowns as a junior. He'll be joined in the backfield by the league's top returning running back, Larry Ned, who ran for 894 yards and 11 scores last season. Hawley's top target may be returning all-league tight end Gray McNeill, who caught 22 passes last season. Speedster Derrick Lewis, who caught 26 passes for a gaudy 21.2-yard average, is also back.

The Aztecs had one of their best defenses ever last season, ranking 16th in the nation in total defense. But the majority of the starters off that club are gone. The Aztecs' graduated seniors accounted for 73 percent of all tackles, 82 percent of tackles for loss and 83 percent

STEVE SPATAFORE



Larry Ned, San Diego State

of SDSU's interceptions. The top returning defensive players are tackle Jerome Haywood and strong safety Will Demps.

7 AIR FORCE FALCONS

Each season Air Force's first and foremost goal is to win the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy, signifying the top football-playing service academy. Fisher DeBerry's Falcons accomplished that goal by beating both Army and Navy in '99. Air Force also went to Seattle and beat Washington. In fact, the Falcons were 4-0 in non-league action.

But conference play wasn't nearly as successful for Air Force. The Falcons were just 2-5 in league games, finishing seventh out of the eight teams. With 17 starters lost to graduation, it looks like wins in league games won't come much easier in 2000.

The best news for the Falcons is that quarterback Mike Thiessen returns. Running the Falcons' flexbone attack, Thiessen rushed for 827 yards and eight scores last season in only nine games, for an average of 91.9 yards per outing.

Thiessen is joined by halfback Scotty McKay, who was second on the team in rushing with 652 yards and three scores on 98 carries. McKay also caught 15 passes, which was second on the team. Air Force has

just two returning starters on the offensive line, guard David Hildebrand (6-3, 290 pounds) and center Matt Dayoc (6-2, 250).

Just two starters, linebackers Corey Nelson and Matt Pommer, return from a Falcon defense that ranked fourth in the league and 34th in the country last season. Pommer is the team's leading returning tackler with 78, while Nelson had 60.

On the bright side, Air Force boasts perhaps the best long-distance field goal kicker in the league. David Adams was four-for-six from 40-plus yards last season, including a 50-percent success rate from 50-plus yards.

Air Force will also have a tougher time winning all of its non-league games this season. In addition to playing traditional rivals Army and Navy, the Falcons face Notre Dame for the first time since 1996.

8 NEW MEXICO LOBOS

New Mexico might have had a chance to improve on last year's 3-4 conference mark—except Brian Urlacher graduated to the Chicago Bears. Urlacher, the ninth overall pick in April's NFL Draft, was named the MWC's first-ever Player of the Year for the do-it-all effect he had on a game. He led the conference with 154 tackles. He played receiver, at times, on offense, catching a team-high six touchdowns. He also led the team in both punt returning (15.8 yards per attempt) and kickoff returning (26.3 yards per attempt).

But now he's gone and the Lobos will miss him dearly.

The Lobos aren't without returnees, however. Sean Stein, the starting QB last season who threw for 1,584 yards and 11 scores, is back. He's being pushed for the job by Justin Millea and transfer Rudy Caamano, however.

The running back position may be New Mexico's best. Both leading rushers of a year ago, Holmon Wiggins (618 yards) and Jarrod Baxter (448 yards), return, as does Ted Iacenda, who only rushed the ball 20 times but caught 27 passes for 303 yards a year ago.

Head coach Rocky Long has moved some players around to different positions, including former quarterback Justin Mobley, who is now a likely starter in the secondary. Others who made position switches during spring drills include former safeties Shannon Kincaid and Mohammed Konte, who are now linebackers, as well as linebacker Evroy Thompson, who is now a defensive end.

It will take more than a few position changes for the Lobos to compete with the MWC's best this season, especially since Urlacher will be playing his football at Soldier Field.

ALL-MOUNTAIN WEST TEAM

OFFENSE

QB Jay Stoner	SR Wyoming
RB Larry Ned	SR San Diego State
RB Kevin Brown	SR UNLV
WR Margin Hooks	SR BYU
WR Steve Smith	SR Utah
WR Dallas Davis	SR Colorado State
TE Gray McNeill	SR San Diego State
OL Rob Kellerman	SO Wyoming
OL Sam White	SR Utah
OL Justin Borvansky	SR Colorado State
OL Doug Kaufusi	JR Utah
OL John Greer	SR UNLV
PK Owen Pochman	SR BYU

DEFENSE

DL Chris Hoke	SR BYU
DL Jerome Haywood	JR San Diego State
DL Setema Gali	SR BYU
DL Jeff Boyle	JR Wyoming
LB Kautai Olevao	SR Utah
LB Rick Crowell	SR Colorado State
LB Justin Ena	JR BYU
LB Patrick Chukwurah	SR Wyoming
DB Kevin Thomas	JR UNLV
DB Andre Dyson	SR Utah
DB Al Rich	SR Wyoming
DB Jared Lee	SR BYU
P Ray Cheetany	SR UNLV

I-A INDEPENDENTS

Irish hope to make news on the field this season.

BY RANDALL MELL
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NOTRE DAME FIGHTING IRISH

The Fighting Irish are eager to kick off the opener against Texas A&M and put last year's misery behind them.

Off the field, there was too much news for Notre Dame's liking. None of it was good. There was former assistant coach Joe Moore's age-discrimination lawsuit, the NCAA sanctions resulting from the Kim Dunbar investigation and Athletic Director Mike Wadsworth's resignation. On the field, well, things weren't much better. The 5-7 record places coach Bob Davie squarely on the hot seat in his fourth season.

As if the season-ending, four-game losing streak wasn't enough, Davie endured another embarrassment in last spring's NFL Draft. He watched six rounds of the draft pass without one of his players being drafted. It was another slap in the face. Recruiting and development of talent, the lifeblood of Fighting Irish football, were thrown into question. Quarterback Jarious Jackson finally got picked in the seventh round, but it still marked the Irish's worst showing in the draft since 1977, when no Notre Dame players were picked.

The new season can't come quickly enough, but that doesn't mean the Irish won't be making the most of August workouts. With the best offensive player gone, and only five starters back on defense, the Irish will need new leaders to step forward.

Jackson, the '99 MVP who set single-season records for passing yardage and completions, will be replaced by untested junior Arnaz Battle. He's a skilled runner, but teams figure to test his passing ability early with stacked fronts. He has strong help in the backfield with junior Tony Fisher (783 rushing yards, five touchdowns) returning along with sophomore speedster Julius Jones. Senior Jabari Holloway (12 catches, three touchdowns) could be among the nation's best tight ends. Four of five offensive linemen return and

senior flanker Joey Getherall (35 catches, 436 yards) gives Battle a go-to receiver.

The defense, which yielded 27 points a game and too many big plays, will be tested early with Texas A&M, Nebraska and Purdue on the front of the schedule. Senior inside linebacker Anthony Denman is the top returning tackler from '99 and the unit's leader. Senior defensive end Grant Irons, senior defensive tackle Lance Legree, junior defensive tackle Anthony Weaver and junior outside linebacker Rocky Boiman will be counted on to elevate the defense's play. Senior Tony Driver moves back to safety from running back to bolster a group consistently riddled in '99.

With five bowl teams on the first half of the schedule, Davie will find out quickly how much better his team will be.

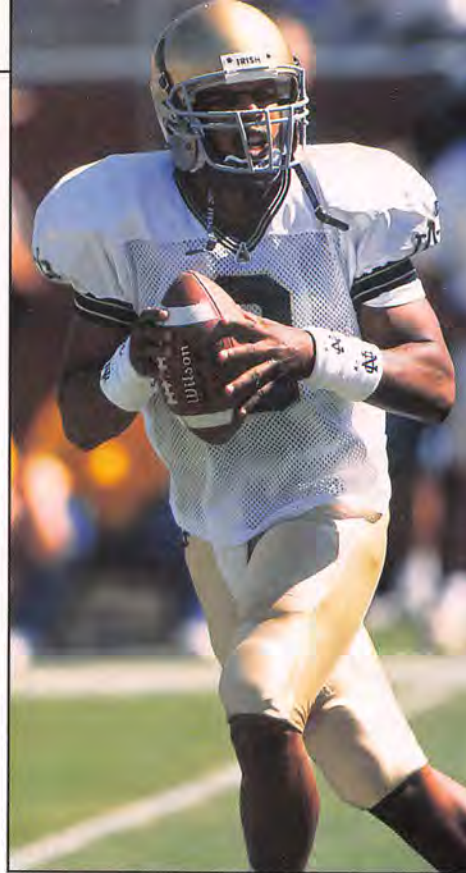
NAVY MIDSHIPMEN

These guys were heartbreakers last year, but the hearts they kept breaking were their own. With six losses by a touchdown or less, there was plenty of excitement in a 5-7 season.

Coach Charlie Weatherbie's team put the best face possible on a losing campaign by defeating Army 19-9 in the traditional season-ending showdown.

With five starters back on offense and seven on defense, there's enough experience to build on the positives of '99. The Midshipmen are thinking big. A winning season. The Commander-in-Chief Trophy. A bowl berth.

It all seemed within reach with junior Brian Madden returning after leading all Division I-A quarterbacks in rushing last season with 897 yards in just five starts. Madden, however, tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee in the spring and his return in fall seems doubtful. Still, senior Brian Broadwater is experienced and skilled and more than capable of leading the way. Junior Raheem Lambert (790 yards rushing, six TDs) is a quality fullback.



Arnaz Battle, Notre Dame

Senior tackle Hoot Stahl is an NFL prospect. This offense rushed for nearly 300 yards per game a year ago.

The defense will be led by junior outside linebacker Shaka Martin, who had a team-high 13 tackles for loss and eight sacks in '99. Senior Daryl Hill and Mike McGee and junior Ryan Hamilton give the Mids a strong inside linebacking corps. The secondary is equally good with senior safety Chris Lepore among the nation's best at his position. The big question is how an undersized front will do against the run.

LOUISIANA TECH BULLDOGS

Quarterback Tim Rattay is gone after rewriting the Bulldogs' record book, but the offense still looks to be in good hands with promising junior Brian Stallworth stepping in.

While coach Jack Bicknell III will have a hard time equaling the stunningly successful 8-3 record of his first season, he has made believers of fans in Ruston. He got the Bulldogs into the AP's Top 25 for the first time in school history. The alumni's eager to see what the Bulldogs can do when they move into the WAC in 2001.

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE: RB-Tony Fisher, Notre Dame
DEFENSE: S-Chris Lepore, Navy
NEWCOMER: QB-Brian Stallworth, Louisiana Tech

GAMES TO WATCH

Texas A&M at Notre Dame September 2
Nebraska at Notre Dame September 9
Purdue at Notre Dame September 16

Louisiana Tech at Miami October 28
Virginia Tech at Central Fla. November 11
Army vs. Navy (at Baltimore) December 2

Bicknell must fill some gaping holes in the trenches this season. But there's plenty of returning skill players, including maybe the finest receiving corps in the land. The top five pass catchers return from last year to help Stallworth acclimate to the high-flying Bulldog air attack. The top four returnees—senior Sean Cangelosi and juniors James Jordan, John Simon and Delwyn Daigre—all caught more than 60 passes last season. That's the first time any receiving corps has done that in the history of Division I-A. Still, four of five offensive linemen must be replaced. The defense has the same problem inside, with the entire front four having to be replaced.

Trips to Penn State, Miami, Kansas State and Auburn will present formidable challenges.

CENTRAL FLORIDA GOLDEN KNIGHTS

Even when Vic Penn was running for his life, he made games interesting at Central Florida.

Penn, a senior who succeeded the popular Daunte Culpepper at quarterback last year, threw for 3,078 yards, 16 TDS and 11 interceptions while leading a unit that ranked 22nd nationally in total offense. Not bad for a 4-7 team.

Coach Mike Kruczek begins his third season with the ability to turn this team into a winner by virtue of kinder schedule. The Golden Knights return seven starters on offense and six on defense, and they don't have that scary early schedule again. Central Florida opened with losses to Purdue, Florida, Georgia Tech and Georgia last season. After opening with Georgia Tech this year, the Golden Knights get Northwestern State, Akron and William & Mary.

Senior center Chris Lorenti, senior tailback Edward Mack (team-leading 461 yards rushing) and senior receivers Tyson Hinshaw and Kenny Clark (who combined for more than 100 catches) help make this a potent offense. The defense is led by junior defensive tackle Josh McKibben and senior safety Damian Demps, who led UCF in tackles the last two seasons.

LOUISIANA-MONROE INDIANS

Something happened late last season with quarterback Andy Chance finding his rhythm in a new offense.

First-year coach Bobby Keasler opened up his attack with a spread offense in the seventh

game, and Chance blossomed in his redshirt freshman season. He became the first player at the school to rush and pass for more than 100 yards in a game in more than a decade. Though the Indians lost that game 38-20 to Wyoming, some confidence was born. The Indians won three of their final four to post a 5-6 mark.

Louisiana-Monroe will be aiming for its first winning season since moving to Division I-A in 1994. The Indians will also be looking for some momentum as they leave the independent ranks after this season to join the Sun Belt Conference next year.

Chance, who rushed for 124 yards and threw for another 258 in an upset of Tulsa in the season finale, offers lots of promise. Sophomore Sean Brown (37 catches for 304 yards) looks like a go-to receiver, and transfer Mark Henderson looks to be the answer at running back. Senior safety Cedric Robinson is a big-time playmaker. He led the team in tackles while recording four sacks, nine tackles for loss and returning an interception for a touchdown.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE BLUE RAIDERS

The Blue Raiders moved to Division I-A last year and took a beating. At 3-8, Middle Tennessee learned some lessons against college football heavyweights that second-year coach Andy McCollum hopes his team will put to use in its bid for a winning season. The Blue Raiders are competing as an independent for the last year and will move to the Sun Belt Conference next season.

The offense should be fairly dangerous with left-handed junior Wes Counts among 10 starters back. He leads a wide-open aerial campaign, and is coming off a season in which he completed 63 percent of his passes for a school-record 2,603 yards. However, he was sacked 26 times. Junior Kendall Newson (school-record 69 catches) and sophomore Tyrone Calico (65) are quality targets.

A defense that returns eight starters must toughen up after yielding more than 200 yards rushing per game. Senior safety Mario Kelso and senior cornerback Jermaine Francis lead what should be a solid secondary.

LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE RAGIN' CAJUNS

The Ragin' Cajuns are deep in a rebuilding program that could take second-year coach Jerry Baldwin a couple more years of carpentry.

The 2-9 record last season wasn't as good as it looked. The victories came against I-AA Wofford and Middle Tennessee, a I-A rookie. There just isn't enough I-A talent on the roster yet. Still, the Cajuns will be looking for some momentum in their final season as an independent before jumping into the Sun Belt Conference.

Junior quarterback Derek Dyer should be better in his second season in the spread offense. The Cajuns didn't score a touchdown in their first four games last year. True freshman quarterback Jon Van Cleave is an intriguing newcomer who considered offers from Ohio State, Colorado and Miami.

There are questions on both sides of the ball, with the defense having yielded 219 yards rushing per game and a whopping 5.5 yards per carry. Senior outside linebacker Travis Schwartz returns after an admirable year in which he had two sacks, two interceptions, two fumble recoveries and finished third on the team in tackles. Junior safeties Matt Cieslak and Kyries Hebert are solid.

CONNECTICUT HUSKIES

Connecticut couldn't post a winning record as a Division I-AA team a year ago, and that doesn't bode well for its jump to I-A this season.

The Huskies struggled to a 4-7 mark a year ago, but there's no turning back now.

When Governor John G. Rowland signed legislation in early May ensuring construction of a new 40,000-seat stadium, UConn's spot in the Big East in 2005 was secured. It capped a decade's worth of work to elevate the program to I-A.

Now, the really tough part awaits second-year coach Randy Edsall. It's one thing making it to I-A, and it's another proving you belong.

The Huskies will get some time to groom their young players. This year's schedule features three I-AA foes. Even the I-AA's figure to give the Huskies a hard time. UConn gave up 43 or more points to six teams in '99. The talent should be upgraded with junior college transfer Ryan Tracey expected to step in at quarterback. He's from Citrus Community College in Glendora, California. Tracey will have a quality receiver in senior John Fitzsimmons.

The defense will build around senior weak-side linebacker Brandon Smith, sophomore defensive tackle Greg Smoot and sophomore strongside linebacker Uyi Osunde. ■

ATLANTIC 10

UMass men counting the minutes until another title.

BY CHUCK NEWMAN
PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

They are truly and numerically the Atlantic 10 again, with Connecticut having moved up to Division I-A for this season. There will, however, be no falloff of competition in a conference that is more than arguably the best from top to bottom than any other Division I-AA league in the nation.

The A-10, however, will have to go some to repeat a 1998 season when Massachusetts won the national title. That season, three of its teams reached the NCAA playoffs and five teams finished in the final Top 25 poll. But last year certainly wasn't a down year. UMass went two games deep into the NCAA playoffs and six of the league's teams were in the Top 25 at times during the season.

The success of the league is clearly reflective of the growing quality of the coaching. James Madison's Mickey Matthews won the Eddie Robinson Award last season as top coach in I-AA. Just two years earlier, Villanova's Andy Talley won the honor.

PREDICTIONS

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| 1. Massachusetts | 6. Richmond |
| 2. Villanova | 7. Maine |
| 3. Delaware | 8. New Hampshire |
| 4. William & Mary | 9. Rhode Island |
| 5. James Madison | 10. Northeastern |

1 MASSACHUSETTS MINUTEMEN

There have been some serious hits from graduation, the most troubling being I-AA All-America quarterback Todd Bankhead, but the Minutemen will again be loaded. Back for another A-10 title run are All-America tailback Marcel Shipp, wideout Adrian Zullo, who caught 81 passes last season, and middle linebacker Kole Ayi, the runner-up for the Buck Buchanan Award last season.

No doubt the team will be formidable, but just how formidable will be dependent on the quarterback situation, where sophomore Kelly Siebert completed 12 of 18 passes in mop-up situations last year and would appear to be the favorite for the job. But also back is junior Ed Campbell, Bankhead's backup in 1998 before redshirting last season.

Zullo is only one of eight returning players at the wideout position.

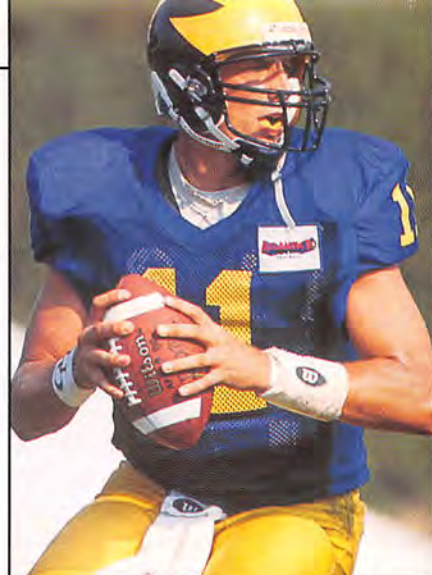
The defense, a major surprise in leading the conference last year, should again be strong with five starters back.

2 VILLANOVA WILDCATS

The Wildcats suffered a mortal blow when they lost All-America running back Brian Westbrook (knee injury), who was the first player in NCAA history to rush for 1,000 yards and have 1,000 yards in receptions in one season. That likely cost them a legitimate shot at the league title and an NCAA playoff berth, although they ran up big numbers, averaging 23 points a start.

Westbrook is back, along with all-league receiver Murle Sango, but gone is quarterback Chris Boden, who led the league in passing (262.2 yards per game) and was second in total offense.

Marcel Shipp, Massachusetts



Matt Nagy, Delaware

Boden's successor may be 6-6, 230-pound Mike Scipione, a transfer from Kentucky, or freshman Brett Gordon, an all-Catholic player from Philadelphia who is recovering from a knee injury. Three years ago there was a similar battle in the final week of practice that produced Boden, who became a lethal weapon in the league.

The big question here is defense, where two starting linebackers, one second-team all-league (Shaun Lyons), must be replaced along with second-team all-league defensive back Hezekiah Lewis.

3 DELAWARE BLUE HENS

The Blue Hens figure to be a legitimate threat this season, with eight starters returning on offense and nine on defense.

The top player back is home-grown junior halfback Butter Pressey, the linchpin of the league's top rushing offense. All Pressey did was average 7.6 yards per carry in '99 and collect 243 yards and three touchdowns receiving. He'll be joined in the backfield by experienced senior quarterback Matt Nagy.

First-team all-league defensive end Mike Cecere and first-team linebacker Brian McKenna are also back for a team that ranked second in the league in overall defense in 1999.

4 WILLIAM & MARY TRIBE

This is a league that lives on outstanding quarterbacks and Tribe sophomore David Corley, who survived a three-year battle to get the job during last season,

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE: WR-Adrian Zullo, UMass
DEFENSE: LB-Kole Ayi, UMass
NEWCOMER: LB-Jeremy Cain, UMass

GAMES TO WATCH

Villanova at James Madison October 7
Delaware at William & Mary October 14

Villanova at Massachusetts November 11
Villanova at Delaware November 18

could ultimately, if not immediately, become one of the best.

When he got the job after the team's 0-3 start last season, Corley threw for 1,760 yards and 10 touchdowns and had an unfreshman-like nine interceptions. His 141.3 pass-efficiency rating led the league and clinched Rookie-of-the-Year honors.

Corley's prime target likely will be wideout Chris Rosier, who is within range of several school receiving records.

The Tribe won't be one dimensional, not as long as running back Komlan Lonergan is around. Lonergan had a league-best 743 kickoff return yards, plus 234 on punt returns and 582 on just 96 running attempts.

5 JAMES MADISON DUKES

They shocked the league by rising from a predicted 10th-place finish to a 7-1 league record, a share of the league championship, a spot in the NCAA playoffs and a No. 13 final I-AA ranking.

Coach Mickey Matthews, who didn't take over the team until just before spring practice, was named Division I-AA Coach of the Year.

Much of last year's success can be traced to an outstanding season by running back Curtis Keaton, who led the league in rushing with more than 1,700 yards and was named Offensive Player of the Year. Also, the Dukes put seven players on the league's first offensive and defensive teams.

Keaton is gone, but four of the members of the defensive team, headed by lineman Chris Morant, return and Matthews' resume is mainly defensive, so anything is possible.

6 RICHMOND SPIDERS

After building a foundation for success the previous two seasons, the Spiders did a big-time backslide last season, winning only three league games and becoming an example of what a lack of big-time offense can cost a team in this league.

The loss of the final three games of the season, in which the Spiders scored only 33 points, underscored the problems.

There doesn't appear to be the components for an instant reversal of that trend. Only four starters return on offense, the receiving corps must be completely rebuilt and a quarterback found.

One bright spot is the return of tailback

TyRonne Turner, who racked up 601 yards last season and is in range of the school's all-time rushing list.

7 MAINE BLACK BEARS

The Black Bears will try to do it on the ground, as three dangerous ball-carriers lead a group of eight returning offensive starters.

Last season, Royston English picked up 556 yards and six touchdowns, Ben Christopher had 974 yards in an injury-shortened season, and true freshman Marquise Silva gained 205 yards and averaged four yards a carry.

Jake Eaton, coming off an impressive freshman season, figures to be the quarterback and has some quality receivers in wideouts Dwayne Wilmot and Phil McGeoghan, who have combined for 189 receptions in the last two seasons.

Defense could be a problem, as only five starters return.

8 NEW HAMPSHIRE WILDCATS

There are positive signs for the upcoming season, mainly quarterback Ryan Day and punt returner Imion Powell. Day threw for 2,573 yards and 18 touchdowns last season, while Powell, listed at 5-4 and 166 pounds and the cousin of 1999 Heisman Trophy winner Ron Dayne, piled up more than 200 yards on both punt and kickoff returns.

New Hampshire had the second-best overall offense in the league last season, but defense again will be the key to success and the Wildcats have one of the league's best linebackers in Brett Bashaw.

9 RHODE ISLAND RAMS

There will be a new coach and a new philosophy for the Rams, who need both. Tim Stowers, who coached Georgia Southern to a national championship in 1990 and was 51-23 at that school, will install a spread offense that will employ three tailbacks and only one receiver.

A radical approach? Hey, the Rams have had only two winning seasons in the last 14, and scored only 25 points in the final four games of 1999.

Success isn't expected to be immediate. Junior Vince Nedimyer, who saw limited time



Dave Klemic, Northeastern

last season, looks to be the quarterback.

On defense, the top six tacklers and eight starters, headed by free safety Lance Small, return to buy time for the new offensive system.

10 NORTHEASTERN HUSKIES

They're looking for positives here in a program that does not appear headed in the right direction. The Huskies won one game in the league and two overall last season, giving up a league-high 289 points.

There are some positives, although not many that are readily apparent.

One of them, wide receiver Dave Klemic, will go into his final year needing only seven touchdown receptions to own the A-10's all-time mark in that category. The current mark is held by Rhode Island's Dameon Reilly (83 from 1983-85).

Coach Barry Gallup, taking a cue from the top teams in the league, has changed his strategy and focused on the junior college ranks in recruiting. Seven of his 11 newcomers come out of the California junior college system. Among them, linebackers Sila Brown and Ryan Silva figure to contribute immediately. ■

BIG SKY

Paced by Montana, Y2K should be a year of redemption for Big Sky.

BY LOREN JORGENSEN
SALT LAKE CITY DESERET NEWS

For a proud Division I-AA football league, the past two seasons have been tough to swallow for the Big Sky Conference. The league, for the first time in 14 years, placed just one team in the postseason tournament in 1998. Then, league champ Montana was quickly dispatched by Western Illinois in the opening round.

Last season two teams from the Big Sky qualified for the 16-team Division I-AA tournament, but both Montana and Northern Arizona lost in the first round. The fact that the teams who beat them—Georgia Southern and Youngstown State, respectively—went on to the championship game was of little consolation. The fact remains that no Big Sky team advanced past the first round of the playoffs for the second year in a row.

That should change this season, however. The Big Sky, after a couple of down years, should be much improved.

"Our conference is going to be real strong this year," predicts first-year Eastern Washington coach Paul Wulff. "Two years ago it was very weak and last year it was better. I think you'll see every team improved and it will be a very competitive conference. The teams that represent the league in the playoffs will do quite a bit better."

PREDICTIONS

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| 1. Montana | 6. Cal St. Northridge |
| 2. Portland State | 7. Weber State |
| 3. E. Washington | 8. Montana State |
| 4. Northern Arizona | 9. Idaho State |
| 5. Sacramento State | |

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MONTANA GRIZZLIES

The Grizzlies won yet another league title and went to the postseason for the seventh consecutive season in 1999 while posting a 9-3 record. The season could have been one for the history books with a few breaks, as all three losses were by just three points, including one in overtime. Montana came up short to Youngstown State in the playoffs when a last-second 34-yard field goal was missed.

Montana, led by quarterback Drew Miller and safety Vince Huntsberger, dominated the Big Sky statistically last season. The Grizzlies were a "bear" on both sides of the ball, leading the conference in both scoring offense (46.4 points per game) and scoring defense (allowing 23.1 points per game).

Joe Glenn, who guided Northern Colorado to a pair of Division II national championships in the past four years, takes over as the head coach in Montana after Mick Dennehy

moved on to Utah State. Glenn inherits a group of talented players that includes Miller, a former part-time starter at Brigham Young who led Division I-AA in passing efficiency (168.6 rating) and touchdown passes (32) a year ago. Miller has two starting receivers back in Tanner Hancock and Jimmy Farris, along with junior halfback Yohance Humphrey, who rushed for 1,277 yards and 15 scores while averaging 5.7 yards per carry last season.

Nine starters return on defense, including Huntsberger and linebacker Adam Boomer, who were both first-team all-league selections last season.

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PORTLAND STATE VIKINGS

The Vikings, in just their fifth year in the Big Sky, believe they are legitimate conference title contenders. They are even talking about being national title contenders. And why not?

Portland State returns most of the key components from last year's 8-3 team that finished in a tie for second in the league at 6-2. In all, 19 starters return—eight on offense, 10 on defense plus the punter/kicker. The Vikings were also the only Big Sky team to beat Montana in 1999.

Coach Tim Walsh's team boasts a returning 3,000-yard passer in Jimmy Blanchard, a

1,000-yard rusher in Charles "Chip" Dunn and a 1,000-yard receiver in Terry Charles. Blanchard, who threw for 29 TDs, was fifth in the voting for the Walter Payton Award that goes to the top player in I-AA last season. Dunn is the school's all-time leading rusher, having gained 4,215 yards in three years, including 1,476 and 16 TDs a year ago.

The defense is led by senior cornerback Rashad Floyd and middle linebacker Tino Retamozo. The kicking game is also in good shape with senior Dan Frantz handling both the punting and placekicking duties. He booted a school-record 15 field goals last season.

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EASTERN WASHINGTON EAGLES

Paul Wulff has taken over the head-coaching duties from Mike Kramer, who stayed in the Big Sky to take the top job at Montana State. Wulff inherits a program that has become one of the league powers the past five seasons.

The Eagles should once again be solid, returning 16 starters from a team that tied for second in the league at 6-2 in '99. Eastern has a pair of experienced quarterbacks back in Fred Salanoa and Chris Samms. Salanoa was the starter at the beginning of the season, but suffered a season-ending knee injury in the third game. Samms replaced him and guided the Eagles to a 6-2 mark the rest of the way.

The running game is in good hands with both Jovan Griffith and Jesse Chatman returning. They combined to rush for 2,164 yards and 25 touchdowns last year. The offensive line needs three new starters, but one of those figures to be transfer David Sherrod (6-6, 310 pounds), a two-year starter at the University of Memphis.

The Eagles' defense should be solid as well, at least by Big Sky standards. Junior middle linebacker Greg Belzer and defensive end Jeff Allen anchor the unit. Allen finished with 10 sacks last season to earn all-league honors.

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NORTHERN ARIZONA LUMBERJACKS

Third-year head coach Jerome Souers returns 14 starters from last season's team that earned a playoff berth and finished 8-4 overall. Still, he has his work cut out for him to find replacements at a couple of key skill positions.

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE: RB-Charles Roberts, Sacramento St.
DEFENSE: DB-Vince Huntsberger, Montana
NEWCOMER: OL-David Sherrod, E. Washington

GAMES TO WATCH

Montana at E. Washington September 30
Montana at Portland State October 28

N. Arizona at E. Washington November 4
E. Washington at Portland St. November 11

Travis Brown, a longtime starter at quarterback, has finally graduated after throwing for 31 TDs and more than 3,000 yards as a senior. Also gone is 1,000-yard rusher Ronney Jenkins, who opted for pro football rather than returning for his senior season.

Preston Parsons, a junior who threw for 294 yards and one touchdown as Brown's understudy last season, now gets a chance to show what he can do. Another junior, Marcus King, has better than 1,000 yards rushing during his two years in Flagstaff. He ran for 489 yards and five scores last season in Jenkins' shadow. The Lumberjacks also return big-play receiver Francis St. Paul, who had 987 yards receiving and 13 TDs in '99.

The defense has solid returnees that include all-league linebacker Ray Perryman, defensive end Kacey Allen and safety David Moran.

5 SACRAMENTO STATE HORNETS

Hornets fans may be seeing history being made this fall. Prolific running back Charles Roberts returns for his senior campaign and looks poised to break all kinds of NCAA records.

Roberts, who has averaged an incredible 2,170 yards rushing the past two years, needs just 1,264 to become the I-AA career rushing leader. If he finishes with 1,468 yards or more, he'll finish ahead of 1999 Heisman winner Ron Dayne's I-A record. He needs 2,030 yards to surpass Emporia State's Brian Shay as the all-time leading rusher, in all divisions, in college history.

Sacramento State coach John Volek knows that with Roberts his team will be able to run the ball. Now he hopes the team will improve on its passing game. The Hornets have an experienced quarterback in Ricky Ray to help them do so. Ray threw a school-record 20 TD passes last season. His favorite targets, Scott Towne and Lamont Webb, are also back.

The defense is led by senior linebacker Anthony Daisley, who tied the school record with 12 sacks last season.

6 CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE MATADORS

With two years as a starter already under his belt, Marcus Brady is one of the most exciting players in the league—and he's now just entering his junior season.

Brady is a quarterback who can beat you through the air or he can tuck the ball under

his arm and beat you running the football in the Matadors' wide-open offense. He passed for 3,326 yards and 24 touchdowns last season for an average of better than 300 yards per game. He also scrambled for 390 yards.

Northridge lost a couple of fine receivers to graduation, but sophomore Drew Amerson returns. He caught a team-high 71 passes a year ago for 897 yards and five touchdowns.

The Northridge defense needs to be improved if it wants to finish with a better record than its 5-6 mark under first-year coach Jeff Kearnin. The nickname "Matadors" seems appropriate for a defense that surrendered better than 36 points per game last season.

7 WEBER STATE WILDCATS

After losing six straight games to end the 1999 season—including a first-ever loss to in-state rival Southern Utah—third-year coach Jerry Graybeal may be the Big Sky coach on the hot seat.

The Wildcats should be better this season, with 16 starters returning. The problem is that most of the rest of the league is also improved, so bettering last year's 2-6 league mark won't be easy.

The best news for the Wildcats is that they have an experienced offensive line with all five starters back, led by twins Rick and Russ Judd. Cole Cooper, last year's starting quarterback, also returns after throwing for 1,829 yards and 13 scores. The biggest hole to fill on the offense is at running back, where both Derek Poole and Morgan Welch, who combined for nearly 1,800 yards, are gone. Johnnie Gray, a junior college transfer, may have the best chance to be Weber's featured back.

The defense is led by a pair of second-team all-league returnees in weakside linebacker Jason Allen and strong safety Keenan Gordon.

8 MONTANA STATE BOBCATS

Mike Kramer had a good thing going at Eastern Washington. As the Eagles' head coach from 1994-99, he'd built that program into a Big Sky power. Still, the allure of rebuilding Montana State was too much for him, so he left one good job for another.

Kramer, who was an assistant for the Bobcats from 1983-86, knows first-hand that Montana State can produce winning football teams. He also knows he inherits a team that



Drew Miller, Montana

was just 1-7 in the league and 3-8 overall last season. The Bobcats may take some lumps this year, but Kramer knows that there is much potential down the road.

Senior Shaun Ross, an honorable mention all-league player last season, will anchor the defense from his end position. He had 42 tackles and six sacks last year.

Among the offensive players who looked sharp during spring drills were senior receiver/return specialist Arie Grey, sophomore running back Ryan Johnson and senior tight end Frank Green.

9 IDAHO STATE BENGALS

Second-year coach Larry Lewis seems to have the Bengals headed in the right direction, but moving up the Big Sky standings will take some time for a program that has taken its share of lumps in recent years.

The return of their two top offensive players from a year ago, running back Nick Whitworth and quarterback Kevin McCarthy, will give Bengal fans some optimism entering the season. Whitworth rushed for 1,106 yards last year while McCarthy passed for 3,033, the second-most in school history.

Defensively, ISU is led by defensive back Josh Robinson, who had five interceptions a year ago, and linebacker Jason Meador, who led the team with 100 tackles. The Bengals also have a good punter in Ben Simpson, who finished eighth in the nation in yards per punt while having more than one-third of his punts downed inside the 20.

GATEWAY

Expect Illinois State and Youngstown to fight it out again.

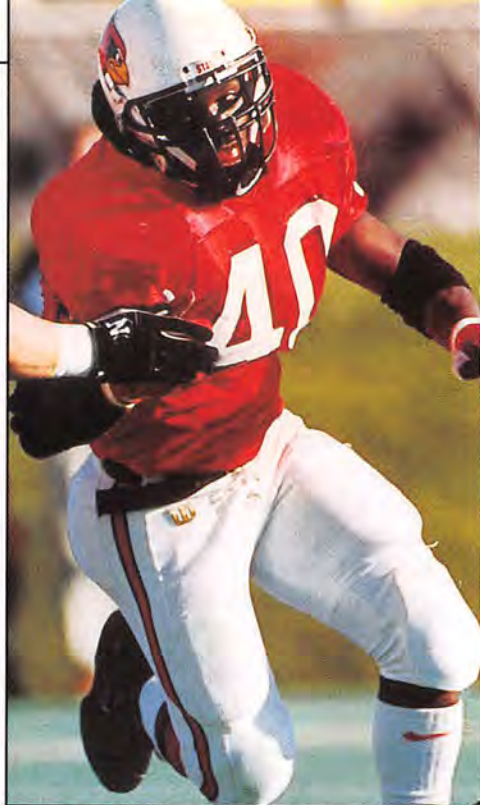
BY SEAN P. HAYDEN
THE TIMES OF NORTHWEST INDIANA

If not for Georgia Southern, 1999 would have been a historic season for the Gateway, and don't look for that trend to change as we begin a new millennium of action of the field. The I-AA champ Golden Eagles beat league champ Illinois State in the tournament semifinals last year, then took care of Youngstown State in the title game. Still, that does not tarnish the Gateway's reputation as the king of conferences on the I-AA landscape.

Not many conferences can send their league runner-up to the championship game, but that's what happened when the Penguins did it last season. Youngstown finished runner-up behind Illinois State in the standings, but both teams have questions to answer heading into the 2000 campaign.

The Redbirds lost head coach Todd Berry to Army. So they brought in former Murray State head coach Denver Johnson as his replacement. No big job for Johnson. All he has to do is keep the program on track and climbing toward its goal of a national title. It was a trip the Redbirds seemed destined to eventually make under Berry.

Meanwhile, YSU, which completely dominated the Gateway in the '90s, has its work cut out in replacing 23 seniors from a season ago. There's absolutely no reason to think the Penguins will take a drop, however, not with coach Jim Tressel around.



Galen Scott, Illinois State

PREDICTIONS

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| 1. Illinois State | 5. Indiana State |
| 2. Youngstown State | 6. Western Illinois |
| 3. Northern Iowa | 7. Southern Illinois |
| 4. S.W. Missouri State | |

1 ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS

It appears Kevin Glenn, the school's all-time passing leader, is completely healed from the season-ending knee surgery he suffered midway through last season. An All-America candidate when healthy, Glenn should reassume the signal-calling responsibilities.

Or should he? Replacement Dusty Burk, a sophomore, did an outstanding job filling in for Glenn and led the Redbirds to the national semis.

Quite a decision for first-year coach Denver Johnson.

It shouldn't matter whom he selects, however, as Illinois State is loaded offensively. Walter James and Willie Watts should split time in the backfield, while Mike Rodbro is an all-conference performer up front.

Defensively, the Redbirds led the league in rush defense last year but were weak against the pass. They must replace All-America tackle Damian Gregory. The return

of linebacker Galen Scott, an All-America linebacker, should help soften the blow. Both cover corners return in Sam Young and Armando Andrade, but Jeffrey James (brother of Indianapolis Colts star Edgerrin James) could make a push for time at corner, moving Young to safety.

2 YOUNGSTOWN STATE PENGUINS

Will it be business as usual for the Penguins, who lost 12 starters and 23 seniors?

Lowered expectations?

Not on your life. This is a team that dominated the decade of the '90s.

Jeff Ryan returns for his third year as YSU's starting quarterback. Ryan could be pushed by sophomore gunslinger Colby Street, who was spectacular in the Penguins' spring game. The backfield could be a question with the loss of Adrian Brown, but someone should step up from a group that includes sophomores Josiah Doby and P.J. Mays and freshman Marion Jackson. Jerry Johnson returns at fullback and is one of the league's best blockers. Sean Guerriero could become the go-to guy at receiver. None of it will matter, however, if coach Jim Tressel can't find five new guys up front who can do the job.

If defense wins championships, then the Penguins truly have a shot at overtaking the Redbirds. Eight players return with experience. Leading the way up front will be sophomore Matt Mechling, an All-Gateway selection last season. Buck Buchanan Award candidate Tim Johnson returns at linebacker, where he made 221 tackles and five interceptions last season. Three of four starters return in the secondary as well.

3 NORTHERN IOWA PANTHERS

It all begins and ends with quarterback Ryan Helming, who had a monstrous junior season and finished fifth in the nation in total offense. Helming threw for nearly 3,500 yards and an incredible 31 touchdowns in '99.

Nearly 1,200 of those yards were to the departed Mike Furrey, but with Eddie Berlin and Jeremy Dusho back Helming should have enough weapons at his disposal to make a serious push for Walter Camp Player-of-the-Year honors. All-America center Brad Meester has moved on to the NFL, so the Panthers have a hole to fill in the middle of the line. Adam Bengt should see most of the action carrying the football.

The offense will have to put up big numbers for coach Mike Dunbar, because the defense lost several of big-time performers from a

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE: QB-Ryan Helming, Northern Iowa
DEFENSE: LB-Edgerton Hartwell, Western Illinois
NEWCOMER: RB-Marion Jackson, Youngstown St.

GAMES TO WATCH

Illinois St. at N. Iowa September 30
Youngstown St. at Illinois St. October 7

N. Iowa at Youngstown St. October 14
N. Iowa at Indiana St. October 21

year ago. Only defensive backs Ryan Doak, David Gunn and linemen Robert Hamre and Zack Stien return from a unit that surrendered a league-low 337 yards per game last season.

The Panthers possess an edge in the special teams department with sophomore kicker Brian Stegall. As a freshman, Stegall connected on 90 percent of his field goal tries and was seventh in the Gateway in overall scoring.

4 SOUTHWEST MISSOURI BEARS

When coach Randy Ball left a successful Western Illinois program to take over the Bears two years ago, he knew he had a rebuilding effort on his hands. Last year, Ball helped SMS keep its head above water with a 5-6 mark, but good things should be on the horizon this season.

Still, Ball has the unenviable task of replacing quarterback Jay Rodgers, who took nearly every snap last season. Jason Ringena will carry the load out of the backfield. A junior, Ringena ran for 944 yards and 12 TDs last season. Junior Sean Adams returns as the top receiving threat.

Luis Almanzar heads the charge up front defensively. The 6-foot-4, 285-pound monster led the squad with 10 sacks a year ago, but needs to be more of a force plugging holes for opposing backs. Linebacker Corky Martin registered a team-leading 126 tackles, including

15 for loss, and is back to join junior safety Mike Gailey, who led the team with four interceptions as a sophomore.

5 INDIANA STATE SYCAMORES

Sooner or later, you have to figure the Sycamores will make a move under coach Tim McGuire. Sooner became later last season as ISU struggled to a 2-4 league mark, including some tough losses. Finding a way to win the close ones could determine their fate this season.

The Sycamores' wishbone attack has been prolific, as ISU led the league in rushing last season. But like most wishbone teams, they were dead last in passing and didn't visit the end zone enough to offset the lack of a balanced attack. ISU finished last in the conference in scoring at 25.8 points per game. Junior Sheraton Fox returns behind center after a 1,000-yard rushing campaign and will look to spread the ball around to backs Jared Sessum and Chris Lewis.

The lack of scoring wouldn't have been such an issue for the Sycamores had they defended anybody. ISU allowed almost 34 points a game to the opposition. Only Southern Illinois allowed more points and yards than did ISU. Making matters worse this season, the

Ryan Helming, Northern Iowa

Sycamores lost two all-conference performers in Shannon Jackson and DeJuan Alfonzo.

6 WESTERN ILLINOIS LEATHERNECKS

It depends on how you look at things when determining whether last season was a success or not for first-year coach Don Patterson and the Leathernecks.

Sure, they went 7-4 overall, but struggled in the Gateway, winning just two games. Even worse, WIU graduated more than half its starters.

Four players will compete for the starting quarterback job—not a good sign. And only Jim Mitchell has seen action in a Leatherneck uniform. Two I-A transfers, Sam Clemons (California) and Frisman Jackson (Northern Illinois) are among those competing for the job.

As usual, expect WIU to have a strong running game. Charles Tharp earned conference Newcomer-of-the-Year honors last season after rushing for a league-best 1,311 yards and 12 TDs. Bobby Starks headlines the receiving corps, while Rich Seubert and Justin Thies return on the line.

The man in the middle on defense for WIU is Edgerton Hartwell, last year's Gateway Defensive Player of the Year and a sure-fire All-America. Hartwell had 165 tackles last year, 95 more than anyone else on the team. Jimmy Robinson is the only other returning defensive starter.

7 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SALUKIS

The good news is Sherard Poteete returns for coach Jan Quarles. The senior quarterback is one of the best big-play threats in the league. Poteete threw for 2,777 yards and 24 TDs as a junior and tacked on another 746 yards and 11 scores on the ground.

The bad news is Poteete's main man, All-America receiver Cornell Craig, has moved on after a brilliant year. Junior Mark Shasteen seems poised to step into Craig's go-to role after hauling in 42 passes last season. Running back Tom Koutsos, who had a 1,000-yard season as a freshman, should be even better this season.

Defensive back Bart Scott, the team's leading tackler in '99, returns to spearhead a defensive corps that must improve on last season's porous performance. Also back is Andre Bailey, who led the team with nine sacks, and Andre King, who had five picks. ■



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Color the Ivy 'Big Red' in 2000.

BY **CHUCK NEWMAN**
PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

The hierarchy of the Ivy League hasn't included Cornell for quite a few years. Like since 1990, when the Big Red shared the title with Dartmouth. That may change this season. There is never an easy route to the Ivy League championship, hardly ever an overwhelming favorite. But count Cornell as the favorite this season. However, don't discount Penn or Brown or Yale or maybe even Princeton.

Cornell coach Pete Mangurian thinks his team should have been there last season, except for a late-season flop at Dartmouth. And he thinks his team will be right there this year, likely because of the presence of quarterback Rick Rahne, statistically the best returning thrower in the league. Also back is receiver Joe Splendorio, who finished second among receivers last season with 89 receptions.

PREDICTIONS

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| 1. Cornell | 5. Yale |
| 2. Penn | 6. Harvard |
| 3. Princeton | 7. Dartmouth |
| 4. Brown | 8. Columbia |

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CORNELL

BIG RED

When Pete Mangurian came in with his NFL resume in 1998, he promised change in the Ivy hierarchy. It didn't happen immediately, but the Big Red was on the verge last season, finishing 5-2 in the league (7-3 overall). Both losses the coach would love to have back. He thinks they were winnable games.

Cornell is loaded on offense, returning junior quarterback Ricky Rahne, who ranked third in the league in passing efficiency last season while shattering most of the school's single-season passing records. Returning is his favorite target, 6-5 Joe Splendorio, an All-Ivy wideout who caught 65 passes for 944 yards and 10 touchdowns last season.

The Big Red returns all five offensive linemen and eight starters on defense.

"We are a team that is expected to win and that's a first for us," Mangurian says, adding that the upper crust of the league had better get used to it.

Mangurian, a longtime NFL assistant under Dan Reeves at New York and Atlanta, was 4-6 during his first season at Cornell.

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PENN

QUAKERS

For starting off slowly after big expectations, Northwestern transfer and quarterback Gavin Hoffman finished strong last season, and that bodes well for the Quakers this year. He already holds three passing records at the school, one a 29-completion effort against Harvard and another a 399-yard game against Columbia.

He will run the show, but junior Kris Ryan, an All-Ivy tailback and maybe the league's toughest runner, will carry his share of offense. He averaged 119 yards per game in '99.

Hoffman's slow start was partly due to inexperienced receivers. That won't be the case this year, as the depth chart shows three quality catchers.

So Penn looks set on offense—that's if they can overcome the loss of three three-year starters on the line.

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PRINCETON

TIGERS

Roger Hughes, who was the offensive coordinator when Dartmouth was putting together a 22-game winning streak in the mid-1990s, will try to do some rebuilding at a program that has fallen on hard times. The Tigers finished in the bottom tier of the league in most offensive categories last season.

At least there will be stability at quarterback for the first time in almost a decade

with junior Tom Crenshaw, who completed 157 of 281 passes for 1,662 yards last season.

Just who he will throw to is still up in the air, but the Tigers figure to have another option in do-it-all running back Kyle Brandt, who did some time at defensive back last season, and promising sophomore Cameron Atkinson, who had two 100-yard games in 1999.

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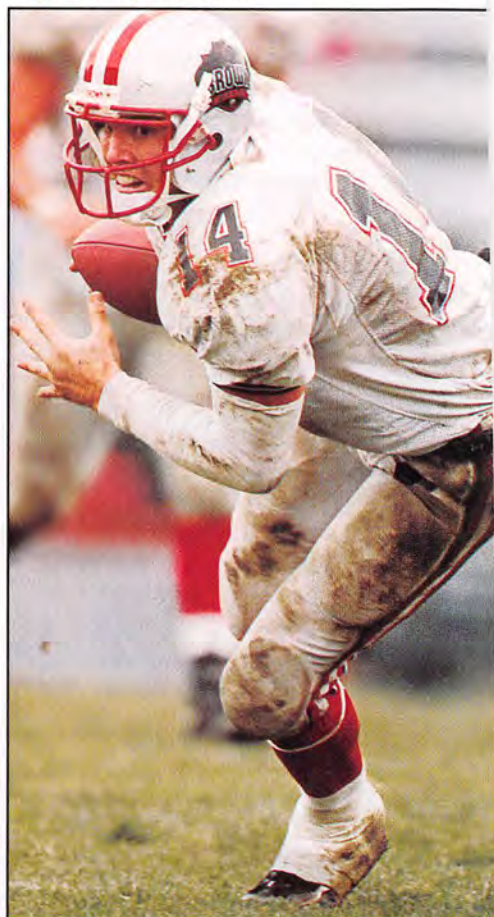
BEARS

There was concern when former coach Mark Whipple took his offensive philosophy with him in 1997 to UMass, but his successor, Phil Estes, has now erased all the worries. He has gone 16-4 in two seasons here, sharing the Ivy title last season.

This may be his biggest challenge, since he will have to do it without quarterback James Perry, the 1999 Ivy Player of the Year.

The favorite to succeed Perry is senior Eric Webber, who sat out with an injury last season. His job should be made easier since he will have a bevy of top receivers, led by Stephen Campbell, who has 185 career

Stephen Campbell, Brown



DAVID SILVERMAN

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE: QB-Ricky Rahne, Cornell
DEFENSE: LB-Peter Mazza, Yale
NEWCOMER: WR-Carl Morris, Harvard

GAMES TO WATCH

Yale at Cornell September 23
Brown at Princeton October 14
Brown at Penn October 28

Penn at Princeton November 4
Penn at Cornell November 18



Eric Johnson, Yale

receptions, and Ivy Rookie of the Year Chas Gessner, who had eight touchdown catches in '99.

5 YALE ELIS

The Elis certainly won't be the overwhelming favorite to repeat as league co-champions, but they certainly have enough material to make it a battle. And who can doubt a team that went from 1-9 in 1998 to 9-1 a year later under coach Jack Siedlecki?

Seven All-Ivy picks, headed by fullback Jim Keppel and running back Rashad Bartholomew plus defensive backs Todd Tomich and Than Merrill, provide a nucleus that should keep Yale in contention.

The question is at quarterback, where a replacement must be found for Joe Walland, who helped to place the team second in scoring and total offense in the league.

One of the strong points will be the return of four starters from an offensive line that went into last season as the most inexperienced in the league. Also back are second-team All-Ivy picks Eric Johnson (67 receptions) and Peter Mazza, a senior linebacker and team captain.

6 HARVARD CRIMSON

The Crimson must answer many questions on offense to figure as a contender for the league title this year.

Junior Neli Rose, who missed all of last season after breaking his foot in the summer, figures to be the quarterback after two players who started all 10 games last season graduated.

Another question is at running back, where Chris Menick, the school's all-time rushing leader, is also gone.

The offensive line will be led by All-Ivy Mike Clare, a 6-4, 300-pounder.

Much like last year, the defense, which ranked sixth toughest in the country against the run (80.2 yards per game), will have the main responsibility for buying time for a young offense.

7 DARTMOUTH BIG GREEN

The last two seasons have been tough for John Lyons, who coached the Big Green to two league titles, two second-place finishes and one undefeated season prior to 1998. Since then, Dartmouth has won just three league games.

The hint that things will change came at the tail of last season when the team battled

eventual co-champion Brown for 55 minutes before losing a tight game. In the season finale, the team overcame an 18-point deficit to win at Princeton and finish 2-8.

The linchpin of the rebound will be junior quarterback Brian Mann, who came on strong at the end of last season, completing 60 percent of his passes for 1,848 yards. He now must cut down on 16 interceptions.

Mann will get some protection from All-Ivy guard Caleb Moore, but bulking up the running game and defense is vital.

8 COLUMBIA LIONS

The Lions won only once in the league last season and there's no guarantee there won't be a repeat this season.

The team lost its top three receivers to graduation and the school's fourth-best all-time rushing leader, Norman Hayes, who averaged 4.5 yards per carry last season.

But success will depend on returning quarterback Jeff McCall, who threw for 817 yards and seven touchdowns in '99 after taking over at midseason, and the return to health of tailback Johnathan Reese, the league's Rookie of the Year in 1998 who was hampered by injuries most of last season. ■

Mike Clare, Harvard



METRO ATLANTIC

Loaded Duquesne prepared to 'Duke' it out for title repeat.

BY BILL HELLER

How do you score 50 points in a game and lose? Duquesne did, dropping a 62-50 midseason shootout at Iona. How do you recover? Duquesne did that, too, winning its final four games to capture its third Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference title in five years. The Dukes capped their 8-3 season with a 68-12 rout of Canisius. "Never before have we put a run together like that," says Duquesne's Greg Gattuso, who was named MAAC Coach of the Year for the third time.

Can the Dukes repeat as they did in 1995 and '96?

"I've told our kids the second championship is the hardest one to win," Gattuso says.

The Dukes, however, have more talent than any other team in the MAAC, which is one school smaller this season after having lost Georgetown to the Patriot League. The offense, led by senior quarterback Tony Zimmerman and junior tailback Donte Small, can put up big numbers, while the defense, which finished 17th nationally in total defense, returns seven starters, including All-MAAC cornerback Nick Opalsky and All-MAAC free safety Dave Pucka.

If anyone upends the Dukes, it will be Fairfield, which went 9-2 and also returns several high-profile starters.

PREDICTIONS

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| 1. Duquesne | 5. Marist |
| 2. Fairfield | 6. St. Peter's |
| 3. Iona | 7. Siena |
| 4. La Salle | 8. Canisius |

1 DUQUESNE DUKES

No one's feeling sorry for Duquesne coach Greg Gattuso. Not even Gattuso. "Obviously, we lose great seniors, but we have a lot of good young talent," says Gattuso, now in his eighth year.

No kidding.

Quarterback Tony Zimmerman (48 percent passing, 2,573 passing yards, 22 touchdowns, 15 interceptions) was outstanding in the Dukes' title run, completing 53.4 percent of his passes for 1,118 yards and 10 scores in the final four games.

He retains the services of All-MAAC running back Donte Small (1,309 yards, 5.3-yard average, nine TDs) and tailback Josh Rue, who rushed for seven scores and threw for another. Also back is flanker Reggie Harris (39 catches, 713 yards, nine TDs), as well as the left side of an offensive line—tackle Steve Lindsey and guard Tim Bentley—that allowed only 16 sacks last year.

The defense returns seven starters: linebackers Jim Antinopoulos (59 tackles), Franco Madaffari (three sacks) and Trent Wissner (3 sacks); linemen Craig Elias and B.J. DiNatale; and two backs, All-MAAC Nick Opalsky (four interceptions) and Dave Pucka (six interceptions, 52 tackles).

2 FAIRFIELD STAGS

A 5-0 start extended the Stags' winning streak to 13 before they dropped a painful 24-23 decision at Holy Cross. Fairfield (9-2) lost only one other game, 21-14 at Georgetown, and atoned by winning its final three games by scores of 57-7, 42-0 and 45-18.

The offense could be that explosive again. Quarterback Mike Cerchio (50-percent passing and six scoring strikes) got valuable experience backing up graduated starter Jim Lopusznick. Cerchio returns his top two rushers, Adam Ferreri (675 yards, 5.8-yard average, four touchdowns) and Detrick Watson (338 yards, 4.7-yard average, three TDs), and two of his top four receivers, wideout Steven Hadley (41 catches, 761 yards, 14 TDs) and tight end Jason Cowley (22 catches, 302 yards).

Linebackers Steve Norcini (59 tackles, five sacks) and John Barone (three sacks), strong safety Steve Dogmanitis (four interceptions)

and noseguard Patrick Grugan (five sacks) lead the defense.

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IONA

GAELS

The Gaels (5-5) can obviously score with All-MAAC tailback Ralph Saldiveri back for his senior season. Last year, he produced 1,400 yards rushing at a 5.5-yard clip to go with 16 touchdowns and 16 receptions. In a 62-50 win over Duquesne, he rushed for 248 yards and five touchdowns on 31 carries.

Joining Saldiveri are running back Rob Terry (350 rushing yards, three TDs, 5.1-yard average), receivers Jocko Leonard (27 catches for 536 yards) and Pete Shea (16 catches, 168 yards). They'll be led by quarterbacks LeVar Stockton (862 yards passing, with five TDs and 12 interceptions) and Jason Collins (643 yards passing, six interceptions). Both completed barely 40 percent of their passes in '99. All-MAAC choice Brian Dacey returns on the offensive line.

The defense, which gave up 87 points in Iona's final two games, features lineman

Nick Opalsky, Duquesne



TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE: RB-Ralph Saldiveri, Iona
DEFENSE: DB-Nick Opalsky, Duquesne
NEWCOMER: LB-Jon Wasielewski, St. Peter's

GAMES TO WATCH

Duquesne at La Salle September 9
 Fairfield at Duquesne September 16

Iona at Fairfield September 30
 Iona at Duquesne October 21

Malcolm Vincent (five sacks), linebacker Kenneth Cushnie Jr. and senior defensive backs Harry Sutton (six interceptions) and Jon McCord (35 tackles).

4 LA SALLE EXPLORERS

Coach Bill Manlove, who won two Division III national championships at nearby Widener, led the Explorers to a 4-4 mark to begin their first season in the MAAC. Then the bottom fell out: 42-0 and 52-7 road losses to Fairfield and Georgetown.

Running backs Brian Small (386 yards rushing, three touchdowns) and Jeremy Crimmel (269 yards) and slot back Bill Fulforth (25 catches, 331 yards) are the weapons for quarterbacks John Travers (1,008 yards passing, 51.3 percent) and Mike Bramowski (475 yards, 49 percent).

All-MAAC Kevin Campbell (52 tackles) and Thomas Ryan return at linebacker, while the secondary trio of Rocky DeVuono, Eric Martinson and Rakeim Rucker accounted for 10 interceptions last fall.

5 MARIST RED FOXES

Recovery from consecutive early-season shutout losses to St. John's and Duquesne, the Red Foxes finished 6-5. All-MAAC Tom Lennon (30 tackles, three interceptions) and Greg Peters lead a strong defensive line, backed by linebacker Mike Charles and defensive back Joe Macchia (52 tackles), who averaged 37.2 yards as Marist's punter.

Quarterback Kevin Chartrand (1,230 yards passing, nine touchdowns, 15 interceptions) relies on tailback Miguel Reyes (835 yards rushing, six touchdowns, 4.5-yard average) and receiver Brian Traynor (17 catches for 284 yards and three scores).

6 ST. PETER'S PEACOCKS

The Peacocks' 1-10 season in '99 was at least better than the 0-10 mark from the year before. Enough quality players return to take a more significant step forward this fall.

All-MAAC defensive end Jeran Crawford (46 tackles, 10.5 sacks, 16 tackles for loss) and sophomore safety Jon Ambrose (38 tackles, six interceptions) are strengthened by



Ralph Saldiveri, Iowa

East Stroudsburg transfer Jon Wasielewski, a former all-state high school linebacker.

Sophomore running backs Terrence Murphy (587 rushing yards, four TDs) and Kevin Miles (333 yards) will complement senior receiver Sylvester Miller (18 catches for 255 yards) on offense. Throwing to Miller will be one of three quarterback candidates: Patrick Holland (321 yards passing, four touchdowns), James Lyver (279 yards) or Jason Hickman, who sat out last season.

7 SIENA SAINTS

Though Chris Phelps resigned after a one-year stand as coach to become an assistant at New Hampshire, several veterans return from a 3-7 team for new coach Jay Bateman.

Quarterbacks Joe Spagnolo (50-percent passing, 802 yards, six TDs, 13 interceptions) and Don Record (43.7 percent, 540 yards) will count on tailback Pete Galasso (271 yards rushing, 4.4-yard average), All-MAAC tight end William Hisgen (52 catches, 498 yards, six TDs) and wideout Ryan Hungershafer (28 catches, 275 yards).

8 CANISIUS GOLDEN GRIFFINS

Former Colgate assistant Ed Argast inherits a team that won its opener last fall, then lost 10 straight, allowing 162 points in its final three games.

Offensively, the Golden Griffins lost their top rusher and receiver, but quarterback Mark Nachreiner (894 yards passing, seven touchdowns) showed promise splitting time last fall. He has three good targets in Jake Coppola (35 catches, 348 yards, four touchdowns), Sean LeBeau (20 catches, 272 yards) and Tom Zabawa (12 catches, 197 yards).

Brian Hammond (eight sacks) and three backs—Trae Roberts (59 tackles), Ryan Nyce and Kyle Murphy—lead the defense. ■

MEAC

Aggies favored to repeat in fast-improving MEAC.

BY DON CORBETT

Maybe describing the annual race for the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference football championship with a term like "battle royal" overstates the point just a bit. But coaches in the MEAC can and probably will attest to the fact that the league champ survives the race almost as much as it wins it. The competition has progressed to the point where the MEAC is now considered one of the country's most-improved Division I-AA leagues.

For instance, North Carolina A&T won the league last year and advanced to the elite eight of the I-AA playoffs. The Aggies, however, needed one of their more gutsy efforts of the season to outlast Norfolk State, which finished seventh. Florida A&M made the I-AA semifinals, but needed all nine of its lives to finally escape Howard, which finished 5-6, in overtime. Third-place finisher Hampton manhandled Southwestern Athletic Conference champion Southern University in the Heritage Bowl. Yet during the season, the Pirates beat Norfolk and Howard by a combined margin of just two points—and lost to fourth-place Bethune-Cookman.

Look for that theme to continue again this year. A&T, with a host of returning players, has to rank as the early favorite. FAMU lost some key personnel, but rebuilding is not something the Rattlers often have to do. They'll be near the top again, as will Hampton, if the Pirates, like several other MEAC teams, can replace vital losses in the offensive line. Howard returns Bobby Townsend. He would easily be the league's top incumbent quarterback if it were not for Bethune's Pa'Tell Troutman, who is capable of keeping the Wildcats in games by himself.



Pa'Tell Troutman, Bethune-Cookman

off much this season. Junior Quinn Gray started 1999 at quarterback before yielding to JaJuan Seider, who merely went on to be the league's Offensive Player of the Year and an NFL draft pick. Gray threw for 1,670 yards and 15 touchdowns but, more importantly, gained valuable experience and confidence that should be on further display this season. He'll have the MEAC's best receiver to throw to in Jacquay Nunnally, who opposing coaches will be glad to know is finally a senior.

Jauron Dailey, a senior defensive end, will be the glue of the defense.

PREDICTIONS

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| 1. North Carolina A&T | 6. Delaware State |
| 2. Florida A&M | 7. South Carolina St. |
| 3. Hampton | 8. Norfolk State |
| 4. Bethune-Cookman | 9. Morgan State |
| 5. Howard | |

1 NORTH CAROLINA A & T AGGIES

While Florida A&M and Hampton justifiably grabbed most of last year's preseason headlines, coach Bill Hayes preferred to play it cool and see how his hand would play out in the end.

What a hand it was. The Aggies (11-2 overall, 8-0 MEAC) rolled through the league unbeaten, winning their eight MEAC contests by an average of 19 points per game. A&T also dominated top-ranked Tennessee State in the first round of the I-AA playoffs before finally losing to Youngstown State in the quarterfinals.

The key to the success was a stingy, swarm-to-the-ball defense, which led the league in nearly in every major statistical category. The headliner this year will be

linebacker B.J. Little, a first-team All-MEAC selection in 1999.

Jason Battle took over the quarterbacking chores when Rodney Woodruff went down in the Norfolk game with an injury and performed admirably, throwing for 890 yards and seven TDs. Still, he will have to fend off major challenges from North Carolina Central transfer Damian Phillips and South Carolina transfer Keith Matkins, either of whom may end up starting. Speed man Adrian Parks gives A&T a running back who can turn the corner.

2 FLORIDA A & M RATTTLERS

After several years of fielding great teams, coach Billy Joe's Rattlers still managed to kick it up one more notch last year. Had it not been for 17 fourth-quarter points by Youngstown State, FAMU would have earned its way back to its first Division I-AA championship game since the Rattlers (10-4, 7-1) won it all in 1978.

Until teams find a way to harness FAMU's air attack, it is hard to see the Rattlers falling

3 HAMPTON PIRATES

Despite a very short stint in the MEAC, coach Joe Taylor's Pirates have already established themselves as a yearly threat to win the title. Last year was very solid for the most part, but Hampton dropped lopsided decisions to A&T and FAMU, which pushed them out of the running for the crown. Still, the Pirates (8-4, 5-3) had enough steam to go to the Heritage Bowl and avenge an early-season loss to Southern.

One of the biggest question marks facing Hampton is the quarterback position, where four-year starter Roy Johnson has departed. Senior Ataveus Cash has been waiting in the wings for what must seem like forever to him.

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE: WR-Jacquay Nunnally, Florida A&M
DEFENSE: DL-Michael Bland, Hampton
NEWCOMER: DL-Ira Dawson, Hampton

GAMES TO WATCH

North Carolina A&T at Florida A&M October 14
 North Carolina A&T at Hampton November 11
 Florida A&M vs. Bethune-Cookman (at Orlando) November 18

He saw limited duty last year and will get first crack at the job after a solid spring campaign. For a while, all he'll have to do is hand the ball to one of several talented Pirate running backs. Montrell Coley, one of the league's best, ran for 963 yards and eight touchdowns last year.

Hampton lost linebacker Deon Hunt, the MEAC's Defensive Player of the Year. Unfortunately for opposing coaches, the Pirates have another defensive honors candidate in senior tackle Michael Bland. Bland's ability to disrupt opposing offenses earned him all-league honors and certain attention from NFL scouts this fall.

4 BETHUNE-COOKMAN WILDCATS

After a glorious 1998 season, expectations ran high in Daytona Beach last year. Narrow losses to A&T and Howard kept B-CC (7-4, 4-4) out of the postseason picture, but coach Alvin Wyatt is hoping that the loss of 18 seniors will not keep the Wildcats from biting the opposition again this year.

Quarterback Pa'Tell Troutman has shown the ability to be a one-man show. Last season, he ran and passed for more than 2,000 yards out of Bethune's "Wyatt-bone" attack. He excels at the option, but showed a little more consistency through the air, which may be why the Wildcats pledge to throw more this season. He'll again be the focal point of the team's attack. Antonio Stanley doubles as a return specialist and big-play threat at wide receiver. Fellow wideout Erik Lash made some noise as a freshman, and senior Curtis Williams will also see his share of balls. Jay Rogers and Jason McCoy pace the running backs.

Bethune's defense was excellent again last season, though somewhat overshadowed by the success of A&T's unit. All-conference linebacker Terry Doctor is gone, but the fridge is far from bare. Jimmy Williams and Willie Doby bring speed and aggression to the line-backing corps, where leading tackler Anthony Hubbard is also slated to return.

5 HOWARD BISON

Coach Steve Wilson's crew closed an up-and-down season on an up note, winning three of their final four games. The Bison's two-deep chart on both sides of the ball featured a number of young players and, though there are gaps to fill, there is also quite a bit of returning talent.

Offensively, senior quarterback Bobby Townsend will again be the trigger man. Last season, he threw for 2,330 yards and 13 touchdowns. This year, he should improve on his 43-percent completion rate and again make HU (5-6, 4-4) one of the league's better passing teams. Wilson also has to be excited about the return of running back Jermaine Hutchinson, who ran for 830 yards and led the MEAC in scoring, tallying 20 touchdowns.

Defensively, Howard gobbled up 40 giveaways from the opposition and recorded a plus-nine turnover margin, but still gave up 395 points in 11 games—more than any other team in the league. Playmaker Obi Aiah will serve as the backbone of the defensive line.

6 DELAWARE STATE HORNETS

After suffering through a miserable 1998 season, the Hornets were sure to improve at least a little bit in 1999, which they did.

Delaware State (4-7, 4-4) ended the season on an up note with a convincing win over Howard, leaving it at the .500 level in league games. Still, the improvement was not enough to save coach John McKenzie's job. He'll be replaced by Ben Blacknall, a former all-conference linebacker at North Carolina A&T who has spent 24 years as an assistant at several locales. He has some weapons he hopes will produce a continued upswing for the Hornets.

Leading the returnees is quarterback Rahsaan Matthews, who threw for more than 2,000 yards and 16 touchdowns last season. He has a group of good receivers with which to work, headed by seniors Albert Horsey and Tommie Mims, who combined to catch 76 balls and 13 touchdowns in '99.

Defensively, senior DaShane Dennis is probably the league's most versatile player. Last season, he was a first-team all-league selection as a return ace, and second team as a defensive back.

7 SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BULLDOGS

The Bulldogs (4-6, 2-5) jumped to a 2-0 start, but then were blitzed 76-17 by Florida A&M. Coach Willie Jeffries' team never seemed to recover from the loss, and fell to 4-6 on the season. It was the second straight sub-.500 record for this proud program, which has some work to do to get back to the MEAC's upper division.

The return of running back Chad Eaddy will soften the departure of the gifted Derek O'Neal. Eaddy ran for 502 yards and 10 touchdowns as a junior, averaging more than five yards per carry. He'll be the feature back this season. The staff also feels good about the potential of redshirt freshman quarterback Leon McCampbell, an option specialist who also sports a good arm.

8 NORFOLK STATE SPARTANS

Coach Mo Forte's first year at the helm was a season of "almosts." The Spartans dropped a one-point decision to Hampton, a four-point decision to South Carolina State, a six-point loss to Howard and carried A&T into the fourth quarter before losing 28-14. The difference between a 5-6 finish as opposed to the 2-9 ending might have been no more than a dozen plays.

This year, Norfolk hopes it can make a few more of those plays. Last season, the offense could only contribute 14 points per game to the cause, numbers that need to improve this season. Running back Damien Smith is one of the bright spots in Norfolk. Last year, working in the shadow of now-departed star Angelo Todd, Smith still managed 474 yards and averaged more than five yards per carry. The big question mark is the quarterback position, where Forte lost both Maurice Selby and Theo Harrison, who got the bulk of the snaps last season.

9 MORGAN STATE BEARS

Coach Stanley Mitchell's first year at the helm gave him a front-row seat for the football frustrations that have plagued the Bears (2-8, 0-7) year after year. A late touchdown by Norfolk State cost them one victory, while 28 fourth-quarter points by Howard threw another winnable game out the window. The end result was another frustrating season for Morgan.

One of the bright spots of the season was the play of Ali Culpepper. A Baltimore native, Culpepper, after transferring from Syracuse, ran for nearly 700 yards and seven touchdowns and ranks as one of the league's best running backs.

With the departure of Deon Hunt at Hampton, Justin Patton can now make an argument as the conference's top linebacker. Patton averaged nearly eight tackles per game and was a second-team all-league choice. ■

NORTHEAST

Walton to cool jets with another championship season at Robert Morris.

BY BILL HELLER

Joe Walton went 53-57-1 in seven seasons coaching the New York Jets. This fall, he begins his seventh season as the only coach Robert Morris College has ever had. It's obviously a different experience. "I spent 35 years in the NFL," says Walton, who's 42-18-1 at the small school near Pittsburgh. "The longer you stay in that game, the more ups and downs you have. At this point in my life, Robert Morris is a tremendous way for me to continue my coaching career. I enjoy the kids, I enjoy the competition and I live 20 minutes away. I'm very comfortable here."

Winning doesn't hurt. Last year, the Colonials (8-2) won their fourth consecutive Northeast Conference title. They were ranked the top I-AA non-scholarship team in the country, allowing Walton to pick up his third NEC Coach of the Year Award. With nine starters back on defense, the Colonials figure to be just as good this season.

The team to beat? "If I picked a team to beat, I'd pick Albany," Walton says. "They just came into the Northeast last year (for the first time), and they were very formidable and well coached."

But don't let Walton fool you. His Colonials will be the favorites once again, with probably a stronger challenge from Albany.

"It's been a great experience," Walton says.

And, on the field, it will continue to be for Robert Morris.

PREDICTIONS

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| 1. Robert Morris | 5. Central Connecticut |
| 2. Albany | 6. Monmouth |
| 3. Wagner | 7. Sacred Heart |
| 4. Stony Brook | 8. St. Francis (Pa.) |

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ROBERT MORRIS COLONIALS

In seven years under coach Joe Walton, the Colonials are 37-2 when ahead at intermission. All-NEC defensive end Brad Kirit (seven sacks) and cornerback Nick Downs (five interceptions) are two reasons why. Linebackers Brad Miller and Jemond Riffe (63 tackles) made the All-NEC second team.

All-NEC quarterback Tim Levick (1,461 yards passing, 56.4 percent, 14 touchdowns) has an explosive running back in Donald Dorsey (1,070 rushing yards, 5.9-yard average, nine touchdowns) and an offensive line anchored by All-NEC center Mark Leyenaar, a 6-4, 285-pound junior.

Highly touted freshman receiver Kevin Woods eases the loss of Levick's top three targets. Placekicker Jeff Carlo made 38 of 39 extra points and 12 of 21 field goal attempts last season.

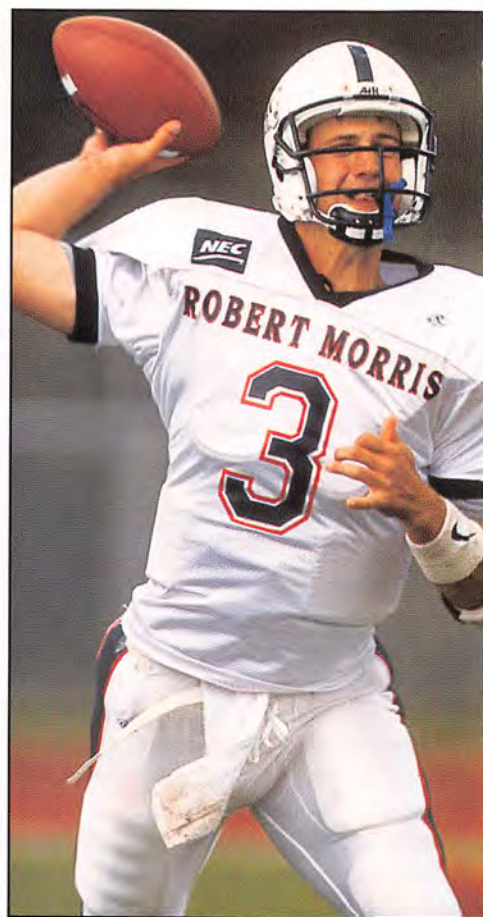
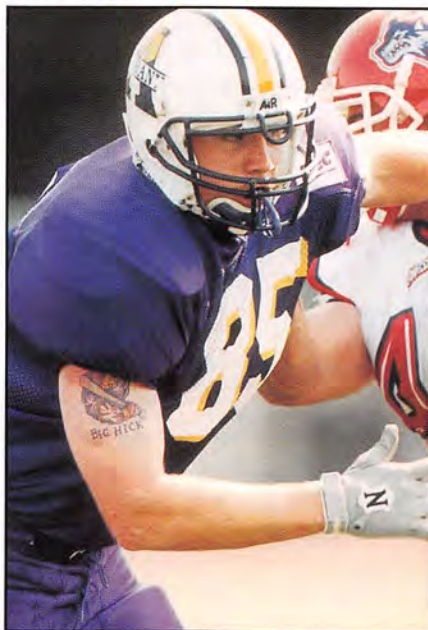
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ALBANY

GREAT DANES

The high-scoring Danes' lone losses in a 7-2 season were 38-37 to Division III power Rowan in the final seconds and 30-20 to Robert Morris. Coach Bob Ford (165-102 in 27 years) hopes junior Marcus Rotondi

Steve Checksfield, Albany



Tim Levick, Robert Morris

can fill a void at quarterback. Fullback Ben Kelcey, who averaged nearly seven yards per carry last season, and All-NEC split end/return man Chris Phillis (33 catches, 635 yards, six TDs) give Rotondi options behind a line led by J.T. Herfurth and all-conference tight end Steve Checksfield.

Only four starters return on defense: backs Samson Brown, the lone freshman named All-NEC on either side of the ball, and Jelani Dandles, rover back Andrew Fitzpatrick and tackle Jason Martin.

3

WAGNER

SEAHAWKS

Seahawks coach Walt Hameline hasn't had a losing season in 19 years, but last season's 5-5 mark was close enough. It was a huge disappointment after a 3-0 start.

Wagner loses superb tailback Rick Sarille but returns All-NEC wideout Chuck Kinsley (31 receptions, 581 yards, five TDs) and second-team all-league quarterback Lou Simone, who completed 52.3 percent of his passes for 1,824 yards and 13 touchdowns.

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE: RB-Donald Dorsey, Robert Morris
DEFENSE: DB-Samson Brown, Albany
NEWCOMER: WR-Kevin Woods, Robert Morris

GAMES TO WATCH

Wagner at Albany September 23
 Albany at Stony Brook September 30

Robert Morris at Wagner October 28
 Albany at Robert Morris November 11

The defense's strength is at linebacker, where Mike Steed returns after being named '99 NEC Defensive Rookie of the Year, recording team highs of nine sacks and 86 tackles, 22 of them for losses. Joining him will be Jeremy Balina (five sacks) and Daryn Plummer.

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**STONY BROOK
SEAWOLVES**

The Seawolves were great every other week, alternating losses and victories right through their entire 5-5 season, a promising first year in the NEC.

Quarterback Oscar Alcantara passed for 499 yards last season at a 51.2-percent clip while chipping in 289 yards on the ground. Ralph Menendez is back to lead the rushing attack after gaining 849 yards on a 5.4 average with eight touchdowns last season. He'll run behind lineman Tom Marshall.

Dan Bertzos, a safety who led the team in tackles (76), and linebacker John Phelan (67 tackles) head the defense.

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**CENTRAL CONNECTICUT
BLUE DEVILS**

After a sputtering 0-4 start, the Blue Devils finished 4-2 last season to go 4-6 overall. Back to help further improve that mark are sophomore running back Clinton Dunston, who rushed for 568 yards (5.4 average) and six touchdowns, and senior tight end Greg Gildea (35 catches, 402 yards). Brian Shubin, who backed up at quarterback last year, is in charge.

Linebackers David Parker (34 tackles) and Ian Whittingham (34 tackles, five sacks) are back on defense.

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**MONMOUTH
HAWKS**

The Hawks never regrouped after losing their opener 34-7 at Towson on the way to an underachieving 2-8 season. Back this year are leading rushers Chad Smith (595 yards, 4.8 average, four touchdowns), Matt Merklinger (248 yards, four TDs) and Mike Trombetta (242 yards, 5.0 average). Quarterback Chris Wielgosz threw for 1,330 yards and seven scores last year, but was intercepted 12 times and completed only 43 percent of his throws. He'll have top returning receiver Eji Maxilon (42 catches, 377 yards) to throw to. End C.J. Emslie (five sacks) and back Aaron Edwards (64 tackles) lead the defense.

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**SACRED HEART
PIONEERS**

After using a lot of young players last season, the Pioneers look to improve on a 2-9 record that included four shutouts. The defense is solid behind linebackers Kayode Mayowa (75 tackles, six sacks) and Jayson Jarrett (50 tackles), back Pete Athans (five interceptions) and lineman Kyle St. George.

Chris Wilkinson (38 catches, 447 yards) is a standout receiver for Mike Toto, who takes over as full-time quarterback after completing 43 percent of his passes for 237 yards last season. The ground game is strong with Kibeme Cowan (883 yards rushing, 4.3 average, five TDs) and Brandon Graham (460 yards).



Kibeme Cowan, Sacred Heart

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**ST. FRANCIS (PA)
RED FLASH**

The Red Flash has two solid senior leaders—quarterback Jeremy Swords (1,063 yards passing in '99) and free safety Derek Payne (81 tackles)—but four sophomores may hold the key to improving on a 2-9 season in which St. Francis was outrushed 2,278 yards to 728 and had only two interceptions.

Sophomore tailback Wes Clemons did it all for the Red Flash offense last season, piling up 594 yards rushing, 239 yards receiving on 37 catches and scoring six touchdowns. He'll get help in the offensive backfield from Kevin Reid (195 yards rushing) and on defense from linebacker Joe Ott (46 tackles).

Wes Clemons, St. Francis (Pa.)



OHIO VALLEY

Eastern Kentucky primed to retake Valley throne.

BY STAN SUTTON
BLOOMINGTON HERALD-TIMES

Injuries weighed heavily on Eastern Kentucky's 1999 season, but if the Colonels stay healthy they should be prepared for a run at the Ohio Valley Conference championship. Eastern Kentucky won six of its first seven games and was 3-0 in the conference when injuries sidelined roverback Scooter Asel and slowed quarterbacks Waylon Chapman and Chad Collins. The Colonels then lost three of their last four games and watched Tennessee State march to the title.

A sidelight to Eastern Kentucky's season is coach Roy Kidd's bid to become the seventh coach in NCAA history to win 300 games. A former EKV quarterback, Kidd is in his 37th season and his teams have gone 293-112-8 with two Division I-AA championships.

Tennessee State used a 33-28 victory over Eastern Kentucky as a springboard to the title, winning all 10 regular-season games before falling to North Carolina A&T in the first round of the I-AA playoffs. While Eastern keeps 15 starters, Tennessee State retains only 11 and loses All-America quarterback Leon Murray.

Murray State's fate depends on how well it can replace quarterback Justin Fuente, the OVC Offensive Player of the Year. The Racers will also be adjusting to new coach Joe Pannunzio, who took over when former head man Denver Johnson got the top job at Illinois State.

PREDICTIONS

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| 1. Eastern Kentucky | 5. Western Kentucky |
| 2. Tennessee State | 6. Eastern Illinois |
| 3. Murray State | 7. S.E. Missouri State |
| 4. Tennessee Tech | 8. Tennessee-Martin |

1 EASTERN KENTUCKY COLONELS

The Colonels will build around 14 returning starters, seven on each side of the football. The ringleader is tailback Corey Crume, a 222-pound senior who ran for nine touchdowns and 942 yards last season. He ranks as the school's 12th all-time rusher in a program that has turned out many top runners.

Eastern Kentucky also keeps Waylon Chapman, a 6-3, 225-pound quarterback who shared time with Chad Collins. Before his injury, Chapman was on a pace to break the school record for touchdown passes and finished with a 58-percent completion rate and 1,295 yards. Collins, who was limited to seven games, hit on 43 of 71 passes.

Fullback Chad Culver returns, and a talented group of wideouts includes Tyrone Browning and Alex Bannister. Browning, an Indiana transfer, had 45 catches and Bannister 44. Lewis Diaz and Brett O'Buck are standouts in the offensive line.

Defensively, the Colonels are led by ends Shorty Combs and Nick Hill, linebackers Nick Sullivan and Adam Rader, and defensive backs Jeremiah Bell, J.D. Jewell and Kris Nevels. Returning punter Luke Anderson averaged 39.8 yards per kick last season.

"We feel we have a good blend of older, more experienced athletes to go along with several new players that will be asked to step up and contribute," coach Roy Kidd says.

2 TENNESSEE STATE TIGERS

Tennessee State dominated the OVC and was unbeaten until losing in the I-AA playoffs. But the Tigers have some major voids left by the departures of quarterback Leon Murray, offensive linemen Michael Thompson and Bennie Anderson, defensive end Lamar Carter and wide receiver/kick returner Avion Black.

New coach James Reese inherits 36 lettermen, including four on offense and five on defense. Reese, who had been offensive coordinator, succeeds new Alabama State coach L.C. Cole.

The depleted offensive unit still has running back Amariah Robb, wide receiver Julius Hull, tight end Carlo Thomas and tackle

Lawrence Smith. Robb averaged six yards per carry and gained 702 yards.

Hull caught 43 passes, third on the squad, as Murray completed 60 percent of his 218 throws for 1,992 yards. Most impressively, he threw 18 TD passes and only three interceptions. Five holdovers led by 6-3 seniors Kenton Evans and Larry Henderson will battle for the vacant job.

Tackles Orlando Dotson and Danny Robertson join nose guard Manny Robles on a veteran defensive line. The other veterans are cornerbacks Ligarius Jennings and Eric Joyce. Placekicker Seth Goodowens and punter Ashley Johnson should make the kicking game a strength.

3 MURRAY STATE RACERS

Joe Pannunzio becomes the 15th head coach at Murray State, which went 7-4 last season under departed Denver Johnson. The Racers' 5-2 league mark was good for second place in the OVC.

Murray State led the Ohio Valley in passing offense last season behind graduated quarterback Justin Fuente, but will have to go with

Corey Crume, Eastern Kentucky



TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE: QB-Waylon Chapman, E. Kentucky
DEFENSE: LB-Melvin Wisham, W. Kentucky
NEWCOMER: WR-Tarik Simpson, S.E. Mo. State

GAMES TO WATCH

E. Kentucky at C. Florida October 14
Tennessee St. at E. Kentucky October 28
Tennessee Tech at Murray St. October 28

Murray St. at E. Kentucky November 4
Tennessee St. at Murray St. November 11

redshirt freshman Stewart Childress there this season. The Racers also must replace tailback Jermaine Manning, a first-team All-OVC choice who rushed for 888 yards despite making only five starts. Shadrach Jackson, a 190-pound junior who started six games and ran for 431 yards, is Manning's likely successor, but redshirt freshman Jerrold Fuqua will also be in the mix.

Terrence Tillman set single-season school records with 14 touchdown catches and 1,057 receiving yards, and Jason French caught 31 passes for 547 yards. Shaun Boykins offers a third target and Josh McKeel is set at tight end.

Duke Vaiga and Paul Carrizal, who combine to weigh 675 pounds, are the lone veterans on the offensive line. The defensive front features Terrell Black, Matt Howard, Ed Johnson and James Bridges. Jeremy Davis, Beau Guest, Rhoshod Browning and Tyrone Graham bolster the defensive backfield.

4 TENNESSEE TECH GOLDEN EAGLES

The Golden Eagles must replace 12 seniors from a team that went 5-5 overall and was 4-3 in the Ohio Valley, tying them with Eastern Kentucky and Western Kentucky for third place. The most disappointing thing for Tennessee Tech in 1999 was its slide after a 5-1 start.

Fourth-year coach Mike Hennigan must replace defensive end Brandon Vaughn from a unit that ranked ninth nationally in total defense. The Eagles' standout is All-OVC linebacker Chad Evitts.

Quarterback Grant Swallows offers a good blend of running and passing, and tailback Jerome Tillman remains in place. David Collett kicked 16 field goals in 1999.

"We have some players coming in who should fit in real well," Hennigan says of a promising recruiting class.

5 WESTERN KENTUCKY HILLTOPPERS

Veteran coach Jack Harbaugh begins his 11th season in Bowling Green with some holes to fill. The Hilltoppers have six returning starters on offense and seven on defense.

Western Kentucky rushed for 3,115 yards last season, leading the Ohio Valley in that category by a longshot, and averaged 5.1 yards per try. But the Hilltoppers produced only 618 yards through the air and

completed just 28 passes all season against nine interceptions.

No matter how you add it up, Western scored more than 34 points in four games.

Veterans include running backs Brock Baker and DeWayne Gallishaw, quarterback Jason Michael, linemen Derek Forster and Chris Price and wideout Leroy Littles.

Harbaugh's defense features linebackers Sherrod Coates and Melvin Wisham, tackle Arthur Wilson and defensive backs Joseph Jefferson, Mel Mitchell, Alan Ogletree and Bobby Sippio. Wisham led the team with 118 tackles, including 75 solos, and made six tackles for loss.

6 EASTERN ILLINOIS PANTHERS

The traditionally powerful Panthers posted a 2-10 record, their worst in 22 years, but finished the season with a 20-14 upset victory over Eastern Kentucky.

"We must improve defensively," says coach Bob Spoo. "We are confident that our new defensive coordinator, Kim Dameron, will bring some positive changes to that side of the ball."

Eastern Illinois allowed more than 30 points and 450 yards a game and recorded only 17 sacks last season.

The Panthers must replace several offensive linemen and pick a quarterback from among Tony Romo, Ohio University transfer Dan Jordan and Julius Davis. Whoever inherits the position will have seven receivers who caught at least 10 passes last season to throw to. Paul Massat and Frank Cutolo combined for 83 catches and nearly 1,000 yards.

In the offensive backfield, Jabarey McDavid returns with 2,139 career rushing yards, and backup tailback J.R. Taylor provides versatility. They'll run behind a line that features guard Matt Gehrig and lacks depth.

On defense, free safety John Williams garnered All-OVC honors after making 120 tackles in '99. Brian Jones leads the linebackers.

7 S.E. MISSOURI STATE INDIANS

Longtime Marshall assistant Tom Billings will make his coaching debut for a team that won three games last season and will be without 12 starters, including seven on defense. He replaces John Mumford, who resigned.

"We will have an attacking defense that



Bobby Sippio, Western Kentucky

stresses speed and a wide-open offense that we call 'basketball on grass,'" says Billings, who has also coached as an assistant at Missouri and Oklahoma.

The Indians, who won three of their final four games in '99, will be quarterbacked by junior Rashad West, who threw for 917 yards and rushed for 364 last season. They also keep their top rusher, K.D. Koleosho, and leading receiver, Leslie Weaver.

Ironically, SEMO will open its schedule at Marshall. Billings already has bolstered his squad with three transfers from his former employer.

8 TENNESSEE-MARTIN SKYHAWKS

Sam McCorkle takes over as coach with a major rebuilding project because the Skyhawks haven't won a conference game since 1996 and are 3-41 over the past four seasons.

Tennessee-Martin will use newcomers on both lines, with Nick Stamper, who led the team in tackles for loss, anchoring the defensive front. Byron Douzart is a former Junior College All-America at linebacker who had 85 tackles last season. Safety Vincent Thomas is a two-year starter.

Jon Repella, Danny Simms and redshirt freshman Bill Whittemore will compete at quarterback. Jermi Hampton, a former defender, concentrates on running back this season, and Ben Gallian and Kyle Carreon will anchor the offensive line.

PATRIOT LEAGUE

Patriot will take on defensive aura as Towson gets set to rise.

BY ED LAUBACH
EASTON (PA.) EXPRESS-TIMES

Major upheaval could be in store in the Patriot League, a shake-up so severe that a fifth-place team like Holy Cross could find itself with a winning record for the first time in seven years—and on its way to the Division I-AA playoffs. Unlikely, but possible, because the top four teams last season graduated their quarterbacks and many other marquee names.

"The play of the quarterback in our league is so important," says Kevin Higgins, coach of the co-champion Lehigh Mountain Hawks, whose graduated quarterback, Phil Stambaugh, went to camp with the Buffalo Bills.

"You don't win the championship in our league without a good quarterback," Higgins adds. "It'll be interesting to see which quarterback is first to emerge."

Fellow co-champion Colgate, Bucknell and Towson are also breaking in new quarterbacks. Texan Brian Hall of Holy Cross, the league's 1999 Rookie of the Year, is a star quarterback on the rise.

Powerful offensive machines are being replaced by veteran defensive units at Lehigh, Colgate, Bucknell, Towson and even Fordham, which did not win a game last season.

"Our league will have a defensive look this year," Higgins says. "You'll see many more low-scoring games. A lot of strong defenses are coming back."

PREDICTIONS

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| 1. Towson | 5. Holy Cross |
| 2. Colgate | 6. Lafayette |
| 3. Lehigh | 7. Fordham |
| 4. Bucknell | |

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TOWSON TIGERS

The Tigers have traveled light-years under coach Gordy Combs since dumping scholarships in 1995 and joining the Patriot League two years later. They finished last in 1996 and 1997, and surged to a surprising third place a year ago.

Towson appears poised to complete its mission. While Combs tries to replace highly productive quarterback Joe Lee and tailback Jason Corle, he's deep in a receiving corps led by Jamal White, a first-team all-league player who led all Patriot receivers in '99 with 82 catches for 1,322 yards. Tackles Adam Nepp and Brian Wronski and center John Tierney are experienced seniors on the offensive line. Nepp and Wronski are second-team all-leaguers. The Tigers went into preseason practice with four quarterbacks, none with college experience, and Combs is planning on using Noah Read and Ray Harris as a tailback platoon.

Towson's strong suit is defense, where end Andrew Hollingsworth and tackle John Devoti are a pair of all-leaguers. Hollingsworth led the league with 10 sacks and free safety Ricky Crestwell finished among Patriot interception leaders with five.

"I'm a defensive coach," Combs says. "I like having a strong defense. We have good size, good speed, good agility, and our defense played extremely well last year."

The Tigers will have to have their act together early with league games five of the first six weeks.

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COLGATE RED RAIDERS

Sophomore Tom McCune takes over at quarterback for Ryan Vena, the league's three-time Player of the Year, and tailback Randall Joseph, a first-team all-league player and rushing leader with 1,446 yards, returns as the Patriot's premier running back.

Coach Dick Biddle has three of his four wide receivers back—Jason Mattes (25 catches, 435 yards), Ryan Ojeda (16, 188) and Joe Parkern (27, 401)—and two tight ends, Chris Rossi and Barry Hoaire. The offense won't go far, however, until four new starters mesh in the offensive line with returning guard Ken Kubec.



Ahmad Russell, Colgate

Defense reigns in New York's Chenango Valley. The Red Raiders were league leaders in total defense and return five all-league players: tackle Alex Houston, end Ahmad Russell (nine sacks), linebacker John Costantino, corner Brandon Tinson and free safety Ameer Riley.

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LEHIGH MOUNTAIN HAWKS

The Mountain Hawks, traditionally an offensive powerhouse, look for a change to their defense, where familiar names abound—tackle Dave Petett, end Roobhenn Smith, linebackers James Young and Bryant Appling, free safety Matt Andrews and punter Jay Heibel. Young, Appling and Heibel are second-team all-league players.

Petett's status is in doubt. He broke a bone in his foot last season and broke another during spring practice.

The Hawks took major hits on offense and retool with junior Brant Hall at quarterback and guard Brian McDonald, an emotional leader. Coach Kevin Higgins is looking for a quick turnaround, saying Hall has a strong arm, good release and understands the offense. The question, Higgins says, is whether he can perform under pressure.

Lehigh also lost the league's first-team placekicker, Jaron Taaffe, when he was suspended for a year by the NCAA for taking

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE: RB-Randall Joseph, Colgate
DEFENSE: DE-Andrew Hollingsworth, Towson
NEWCOMER: WR-Kyle Harris, Bucknell

GAMES TO WATCH

Colgate at Towson September 30
Lehigh at Towson October 7
Bucknell at Lehigh October 21

Colgate at Lehigh November 4
Bucknell at Towson November 11
Colgate at Bucknell November 18

androstenedione, the banned supplement used by Mark McGwire in Major League Baseball.

Higgins sees at least one intangible working in Lehigh's favor: "Our players understand what needs to be done to be successful. We've won the championship and gone to the playoffs the last two years. They know what it takes. The challenge is for us to find the leaders to get us back there again."

The league schedule buys Higgins some time. The Hawks' first league game is October 7 at Towson.

4 BUCKNELL BISON

If defense wins championships, that will have to be the case in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, where the Bison return nine of 11 starters—including the entire secondary—from a unit that ranked third last year in total defense.

Cornerback Reed Tunison was a second-team all-league player and free safety Kevin Eiben led all punt returners with 21 attempts for a 12.4-yard average last year. End Andy Carmona led the club with nine sacks despite starting only two games.

The Bison also are well-stocked with offensive veterans like second-team all-league tailback Jabu Powell and fullback Jason Marrow. Powell's 6.4-yard rushing average was second-best in school history.

Head coach Tom Gadd is replacing three-year starting quarterback Don McDowell with sophomore Todd Wenrich and must put together a new offensive line if he is to string together six consecutive winning seasons at Bucknell for the first time since the 1960s.

The offense could receive a boost from Kyle Harris, a juco transfer wide receiver from Idaho. "He's a typical BYU receiver," Gadd says, "a good pattern-runner, good hands and faster than you think he is."

The Bison have some margin for error since they don't play their first league game until mid-October.

5 HOLY CROSS CRUSADERS

The title-winning glory days in Worcester have faded to a distant memory. A school that claimed five of the league's first six championships has endured seven consecutive losing seasons.

Whether the streak is extended to eight years depends largely on sophomore quarterback Brian Hall, who has given the offense an identity. The league's Rookie of the Year started the last four games last fall and, in a loss to Colgate, he became the first Holy Cross QB to pass for more than 300 yards and rush for more than 100 in a game. He finished that game with 301 passing yards, two touchdowns and 105 rushing yards.

"We're able to be more multiple with our offense now," coach Dan Allen says.

Wideouts Michael Coleman (53 catches, 573 yards), Kendy Hall (37, 463) and Steve Green (33, 416) can catch the ball. Patrick Quay, a second-team all-league center, anchors the offensive line. The defense features all-league defensive end David Puloka, and punter Frank Traupman (39.6-yard average) was the league's best.

David Puloka, Holy Cross

6 LAFAYETTE LEOPARDS

Intiguing is the word for the Leopards—as in Frank Tavani's first head-coaching job in 24 years and his instructions to new offensive coordinator Mike Faragalli to throw the offense wide-open.

To help do that, he's got a in potential franchise freshman quarterback in Marko Glavic, a 6-6, 220-pound Canadian with Croatian and Peruvian parents; and versatile Mike Palos, a former two-year starting quarterback, now a redshirt senior tight end, long-snapper and possible kick-holder, whose return to QB is not out of the question. Until Glavic is ready, Harry Armstrong gets the call. How quickly Glavic becomes the man, Tavani says, "depends on how well things are going."

Anything goes in Easton, Pennsylvania, this fall—at the whim of a highly motivated head coach. Some things are set in stone. Phil Yaberough (50 catches, 651 yards) is a second-team all-league wide receiver, and corners Elijah Beamon and Kenya Allen and strong safety Bryant Ibekwe are as solid as a rock.

7 FORDHAM RAMS

Continuity is the name of the game at Fordham more than 60 years after Vince Lombardi and the "Seven Blocks of Granite." The Rams, under Dave Clawson—their third head coach in three years—finally get to run the same offensive and defensive systems two years in a row.

"Now we have a chance to develop the continuity and consistency that most good teams have," Clawson says.

The offense returns seven starters, led by running backs Al Lundy and Alemayo Whyte. But Clawson will wait until preseason practice to decide between quarterbacks Matt Georgia and Mark Carney.

Cornerback Ray Reddin, middle linebacker Shaun Clair and tackle Charlie Mull head the 10 returning starters on defense. The club has a weapon in placekicker Brian Colsant, who converted 12 of 14 field goal attempts.

The Rams may not be ready to move up in the standings, but they aren't likely to go 0-11 again.

"We really weren't very good," Clawson says. "We got a little bloody. We were competitive in a lot of games, but we got to a point where we just wore down. We need to learn how to win."

PHOTO COURTESY HOLY CROSS



Dominating defense should bring Valpo its first league title.

BY SEAN P. HAYDEN
THE TIMES OF NORTHWEST INDIANA

When Evansville dropped football altogether a couple of years ago, it seemed like the Pioneer Football League was headed toward its demise. Instead, the league is thriving and talk lately has been centered on expansion and doubling the league's membership within the next two years.

After years of struggling to break from the middle of the pack, Valparaiso made a big push toward the top of the Pioneer last year. The Crusaders finished the season in second place, behind perennial power Dayton, and at one time were the top-ranked I-AA non-scholarship program in the country, according to one poll.

With a dominant defensive front led by All-Pioneer hopefuls Ric Edgcomb and Mark Kaiser, expect coach Tom Horne's Crusaders to continue their path towards a first league championship.

Standing in their way, as always, will be the Flyers, who put a 34-10 whipping on Valpo last season in what turned out to be the decider for the PFL title. Coach Mike Kelly's crew is used to winning, and big, but Dayton will have to cover for the loss of a couple of key offensive performers to fight off the Crusaders this season.

Drake could sneak up on either of the two favorites, while it appears San Diego and Butler will meet to decide who stays in the basement.

PREDICTIONS

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|---------------|--------------|
| 1. Valparaiso | 4. Butler |
| 2. Dayton | 5. San Diego |
| 3. Drake | |

1 VALPARAISO CRUSADERS

Coach Tom Horne has no choice but to let Marrial Shields loose this season. The flashy senior quarterback is always a big play waiting to happen. Problem is, sometimes that play is for the opposition. He should leave people holding their breath in his last year. Steve Clancy and Brett Durham return in the backfield. Receivers need to be found.

Ric Edgcomb and Mark Kaiser start the league's most potent defensive attack up front, while Ryan Lemberg and Matt Maher clean up what's left at linebacker. Edgcomb and Kaiser combined for 20 sacks and four forced fumbles last season.

Brian Custy, a 6-0, 194-pound junior safety, will try to replace All-America Eric Kenesie as the leader in the secondary.

The Crusaders lost only two games last season, tying a school record with nine wins.

2 DAYTON FLYERS

Mike Kelly did not get to be Division I's winningest coach by not being able to put people in the right position. Even so, it will be a challenge for him to replace Jimmy Lee and Pat McLaughlin, the league's leading rushing-passing duo. Senior David George is a good place to start. George led the league with 12 rushing TDs last season.

The Flyers earn their keep on defense, allowing a shade over two touchdowns a game last season. Senior linebacker Brad Van Vleet returns, as does defensive back Brad Schuster, but there are holes to fill on this side of the ball.

3 DRAKE BULLDOGS

Are the young Bulldogs ready to take a step forward? That's the question that will be answered this season.

As freshmen, quarterback Ira Vandever and wide receiver Aaron Overton were among the league leaders. Overton caught 48 passes for seven TDs and is a dangerous return man. Vandever, who may still split time with senior Chris Makris, just needs to get his intercept-

tions down to be a productive leader. Junior Phil Joseph returns in the backfield. He found pay dirt eight times in '99.

Kicker William Cundiff led the PFL in field goals and field goal percentage and was fourth in the league in scoring.

4 BUTLER BULLDOGS

Quarterback DeWayne Ewing hopes to return after a season-ending knee injury in 1999. He'll have senior Ryan Zimpleman, the league's most versatile offensive weapon, to work with. Junior Dale Jennings also returns after sharing the ball-carrying duties with Zimpleman last season. Nathan Hazelwood is the most experienced receiver.

Returnee Ryan Kelly led the defensive unit in sacks last season, while Nick Ober registered 94 tackles for a defensive club that was last in the PFL in total defense.

5 SAN DIEGO TOREROS

The Toreros return 1,000-yard rusher Oscar Arzu, who found the end zone 11 times last season and averaged an impressive 6.4 yards per carry. Senior quarterback Tom Jackson led the league in total offense in '99, but doesn't have stalwart receiver Dylan Ching to throw to anymore. Matt Hackett appears the likely candidate to pick up the slack for the departed Ching. ■

Steve Clancy, Valparaiso



TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE: RB-Ryan Zimpleman, Butler
DEFENSE: DL-Ric Edgcomb, Valparaiso

GAMES TO WATCH

Valparaiso at Drake October 7
Butler at Valparaiso October 14

Drake at Dayton October 21
Dayton at Valparaiso November 4

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SOUTHERN

Paladins may keep Eagles from soaring again in I-AA's power league.

BY STAN OLSON
CHARLOTTE OBSERVER

The Southern Conference continues to be the poster boy for NCAA Division I-AA football. That was affirmed in December, when member Georgia Southern won the division's national title. But is being the big dog of the I-AAs enough these days? Maybe not. So many of the I-AA schools seem intent on pulling themselves up to I-A status (see Troy State or Middle Tennessee State) that many of the division's members are searching for an alternative.

Now a push is on, led by officials in the Southern and several other I-AA leagues, to do away with the I-AA designation, perhaps replacing it with a I-A "second tier" of football-playing schools that includes just about every league that isn't a part of the Bowl Championship Series. Hopefully, such a system would keep and expand the I-AA national championship playoff system, since it's not likely that the BCS will be sending out invitations to these guys anyway. And without the playoffs, the second tier would be just a very large group of schools battling for minor bowl berths.

We already know how that works. Marshall used to play for the national title annually when it was an SC member. Last season, as a I-A school, it had perhaps the best season possible for a program of its size and resources, and what did it get? A trip to the Motor City Bowl.

Although progress could be made toward such a realignment this summer, expect I-AA to last through at least another fall. And expect the Southern Conference to again be in that national title hunt when the playoffs roll around.

Georgia Southern's Eagles, who won last year's I-AA crown with a 59-24 blowout of Youngstown State, will be joined by Furman and Appalachian State as SC favorites.

Otherwise, it will be business as usual. The league features just one new coach this year. Donnie Kirkpatrick, Chattanooga's former offensive coordinator, takes over the Mocs from Buddy Green, who is now defensive coordinator at N.C. State.

PREDICTIONS

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Furman | 6. East Tennessee St. |
| 2. Georgia Southern | 7. Western Carolina |
| 3. Appalachian St. | 8. Virginia Military |
| 4. Wofford | 9. The Citadel |
| 5. Chattanooga | |

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FURMAN PALADINS

Coach Bobby Johnson has finished the rebuilding job at Furman, returning the program to the point where you can expect the Paladins to be a factor in the SC race each fall. His squad tied for first (7-1) in the league with Georgia Southern and Appalachian last year while going 9-3 overall.

Now the Paladins want the top spot all to themselves, and it's possible that senior quarterback Justin Hill can get them there. Hill was second-team All-SC last season. He

threw for 1,519 yards and ran for 680 more, and you can expect those numbers to improve since Furman returns nine offensive starters.

Defenses can't key on Hill because big-time running back Louis Ivory is also back after piling up 1,519 rushing yards and 14 TDs.

Furman's success won't be one-sided; seven starters return on defense. Keying the 4-3 alignment is middle linebacker Will Bouton (130 tackles), a first-team all-conference pick. The Paladins, who have seven home games this fall, are the only SC team to win league crowns in each of the past three decades. They've got a great shot at making it four.

2

GEORGIA SOUTHERN EAGLES

These guys have only been playing football since 1982, and last season the Eagles won their fifth national title with a near-point-a-minute offense (49.8 average).

A sixth isn't out of the question as long as nothing happens to Walter Payton Award winner Adrian Peterson.

Peterson, a 5-10, 207-pound junior fullback, was brilliant again last season, rushing for 1,807 yards (and 897 more in the playoffs) and 28 TDs. The league's best player, he will be the focal point of an offense that lost standout QB Greg Hill.

But can the Eagles protect Peterson? He's one of only four returning offensive starters, and just two—tackle Michael Anderson and center Bob Bellingrath—are offensive linemen.

With Hill gone, the job of running Georgia Southern's spread offense falls to the elusive J.R. Revere, who completed 16 of 35 passes but ran for nearly eight yards per carry as backup QB. He'll throw to speedy wide receiver Chris Johnson (24 catches, 414 yards).

The defense is in better shape with six returning starters, including all-league second-team picks Freddy Pesqueira at tackle and Jason Neese at linebacker.

So do the Eagles win again? Though they recruited well, a lack of experience could cost them the top spot.

3

APPALACHIAN STATE MOUNTAINEERS

It's hard to believe that coach Jerry Moore is entering his 12th season as coach of the Mountaineers. Wasn't it yesterday that Sparky Woods was building a national I-AA power in Boone?

Justin Hill, Furman



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TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE: RB-Adrian Peterson, Georgia Southern
DEFENSE: DB-Corey Hall, Appalachian State
NEWCOMER: WR-Richmond Flowers, Chattanooga

GAMES TO WATCH

Ga. Southern at Georgia September 2
Furman at Appalachian St. October 7

App. St. at Ga. Southern October 14
Ga. Southern at Furman November 4

Moore has quietly created something of a dynasty at Appalachian (88-43), a gleaming resume he'd like to top with a national title. Last year the 9-3 Apps tied for first in the SC (7-1) and received what is getting to be their automatic bid to the playoffs.

Expect them to be in the postseason again, as nine offensive and seven defensive starters return. Last season Moore alternated David Reaves and Daniel Jeremiah at quarterback, and they combined for 3,274 yards of total offense. Now both are back as seniors, along with an experienced offensive line. Also available is tailback Karim Razzak (991 rushing yards), who looked so good in the spring that his competition, Troy Albea, was returned to wide receiver.

While all-conference defensive line pick Rocky Hunt will be missed, the defense should be outstanding again, anchored by All-SC free safety Corey Hall, who has been shifted to cornerback.

Biggest problem? Graduation decimated all areas of the kicking game, leaving Moore sorting through freshmen and walk-ons.

4 WOFFORD TERRIERS

While not as good as the league's "Big Three" yet, the fourth-year member Terriers are starting to feel right at home in the SC. They finished 1999 with their first winning league mark (5-3) and a 6-5 overall effort, and 13 starters—eight on offense—return.

Wofford will score often behind junior quarterback Travis Wilson, who set a school record for total offense with 2,157 yards a year ago while piloting coach Mike Ayers' wingbone attack. Also back are senior running back Tony Hudson, who contributed 936 yards rushing and 10 TDs, and Jesse McCoy, a blur of a back who was the SC Freshman of the Year.

The defense, suspect last season, is suspect again. But it does return all-conference nose guard Nathan Fuqua, a 6-2, 270-pound block of granite.

5 CHATTANOOGA MOCCASINS

Last year the Mocs were lots of fun to watch, a three-ring aerial show in the midst of a league of grunting, grind-it-out offenses. They led the SC in almost every passing category, while quarterback Chris Sanders, now a senior, set school records for

passing yardage (3,539), TD passes (27), completions (297) and completion percentage (60.6). Favorite target Cos DeMatteo (76 catches) joins Duke transfer Richmond Flowers to form a solid receiving tandem.

All those bombs helped Chattanooga average 29.8 points. Problem was, the Mocs couldn't stop anybody, allowing 32.7. That explains the 5-6 record.

New boss Donnie Kirkpatrick must find a defense. He has seven starters back (maybe that's good) and thinks senior linebacker Billy Hutchins (79 tackles) could be an all-star.

6 EAST TENNESSEE STATE BUCCANEERS

Where have all the linebackers gone? Last year, the trio of Kevin Peterson, Derek Fudge and Terrieie Robbins terrorized the SC. The first two were all-league, and Robbins might have been had voters been able to spell his first name. All three have departed, and the Buccaneers must raise a new crop of LBs, led by leading returning tackler Rahim El Amin.

The rest of the "D" is experienced, and features a veteran secondary led by cornerback Denario Smalls. Offensively, coach Paul Hamilton must find a weapon to replace all-time leading rusher Brandon Walker. East Tennessee has a solid QB in senior Todd Wells, who threw for 1,272 yards and eight scores in '99.

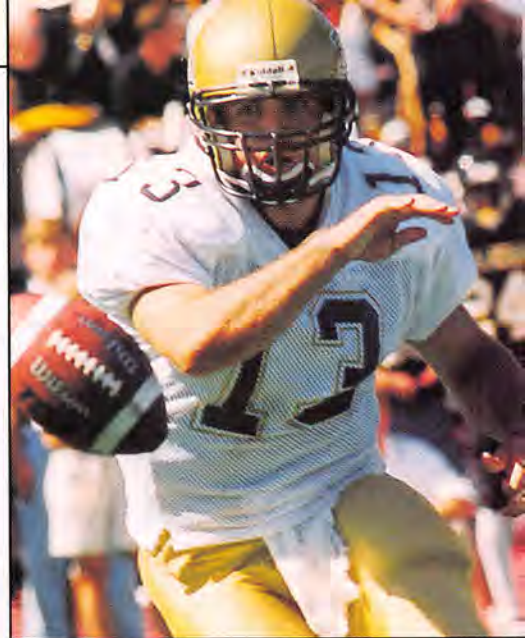
The Bucs, a middle-of-the-pack bunch last season (6-5, 4-4 SC), look to be stuck in the middle again.

7 WESTERN CAROLINA CATAMOUNTS

Last season we confidently predicted a breakout year for the Catamounts. We got a breakdown year instead. Western finished 3-8 (2-6 in the league) and came into spring practice with too many questions still unanswered.

There are still too many questions. Who will play quarterback? Junior David Hunter, last year's backup to Shawn Snyder, is the tentative starter, but the coaches are looking—more or less—at six potential QBs. Junior Justin Cella is in the mix; he threw for 1,015 yards in 1998 before slipping on the depth chart last year.

Who will replace running back Brad Hoover? Maybe freshman Lee Williams. Maybe former defender Donnie Bryant. Maybe JC transfer Tim Vaught. Who knows,



Todd Wells, East Tennessee State

maybe coach Bill Bleil has some eligibility left.

While 42 lettermen—including eight defensive starters—return, they aren't necessarily the right ones. Expect 2000 to be a struggle.

8 VIRGINIA MILITARY KEYDETS

We've always wanted to pick VMI somewhere other than last. Now's our chance, since the Keydets return 10 starters each on offense and defense and all of three specialists. Expect them to win an SC game this fall for the first time since 1996.

Second-year coach Cal McCombs has much more to work with after his first attempt of 1-10. Last season VMI had just 53 players at spring practice; this year, the total was 80.

Still, there's a long way to go. Both the Keydets' offense (193.2 yards a game) and defense (442.6) were worst in the SC in 1999. VMI threw for just 46 yards a game, and McCombs wants to open up its offense behind sophomore quarterback Joey Gibson.

9 THE CITADEL BULLDOGS

Remember how consistently tough the Bulldogs used to be? That wasn't the case last year, when opponents regularly shut down the 2-9 Citadel's flexbone offense, holding the Bulldogs to a 13.4-point average.

Fifth-year coach Don Powers does have eight starters back on offense and 10 on defense, so he has experience, even if it's only at losing. The key is sophomore QB Joe Call, who showed the potential to open up the attack in limited work last season.

SOUTHLAND

Balance of power shifts eastward to Troy State.

BY BILL SMITH

The balance of power is about to shift in the Southland Football League. Young arms and settled coaches should put the offense back into a league that had three teams—Southwest Texas State (seventh), Troy State (13th) and Northwestern State (16th)—in the national top 20 for total defense. Five of the seven starting quarterbacks return, led by Jacksonville State sophomore Reggie Stancil and Troy State junior Brock Nutter.

Last year's co-champions, Troy State and Stephen F. Austin, are among the 2000 favorites. Northwestern lost 17-year coach Sam Goodwin, who retired, but has defense and a clock-consuming offense built around junior running back Tony Taylor. McNeese State gets the value of head-coaching experience as Kirby Bruchhaus can take last fall's end-of-season momentum into his second year. The move by Jacksonville State to hire veteran Jack Crowe, the former head coach at Arkansas, begins a turnaround for the doormat Gamecocks.

The bottom line for this year is the SFL will be unpredictable. That's a stark contrast to the season-ending starts by a couple of squads last year. The Southland's fans better enjoy this one, as the Division I-A bug has bitten Troy (gone in 2001) and Southwest Texas (trying for 2004) and, in turn, threatens the future of one of America's finest I-AA leagues.

PREDICTIONS

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Troy State | 5. Sam Houston State |
| 2. Northwestern St. | 6. Southwest Texas St. |
| 3. Stephen F. Austin | 7. Jacksonville State |
| 4. McNeese State | 8. Nicholls State |

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TROY STATE TROJANS

The Trojans had it all in September: the nation's top ranking, the hot quarterback in Brock Nutter and the solid defense. By November, two costly offensive games spoiled what could have been an outright SFL or national title. Southland Coach of the Year Larry Blakeney's team returns for Troy's last season at the I-AA level, and closes a remarkable transition from life as a Division II power in the late 1980s.

The starter since his redshirt year, Nutter gets something different this year—competition for his job from juco transfer Ed Porter. While the offense is solid, the defense has big holes to plug as SFL Defensive Player of the Year Anthony Rabb was one of six departed first- or second-team All-SFL seniors.

If Blakeney wants to go out on top, he will need junior defensive lineman Vernon Marable back at full-speed after last year's back injury, sophomore defensive back

Travis Bozeman to solidify a young secondary and a successful transition from strong to weakside for returning second-team All-SFL linebacker Jimmy McClain.

2

NORTHWESTERN STATE DEMONS

Last season was all about the number three. The attempt at a third straight Southland title was destroyed by a schedule that sent NSU to three road losses in the opening month and a pair of back-to-back losses by a mere field goal in league play.

Tony Taylor, Northwestern State



This season is all about the number 36, as in junior running back Tony Taylor's uniform number. The SFL's leading rusher with a NSU season-record 1,441 yards, Taylor dominated the conference with a whopping 38-yard per game margin over his nearest competition and is on the verge of becoming the Demons' all-time career rushing leader.

What NSU lacked last season was defensive experience and offensive diversity. The Demons return seven starters on the defensive side, led by three young second-team All-SFL picks: sophomore linebacker Kurt Rodriguez, cornerback Terrence McGee and junior lineman Herchel Monroe. The quarterback battle between Louisiana-Monroe transfer Ben Beach and junior Aubrey Jones is crucial to opening up the field for Taylor.

3

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN LUMBERJACKS

The Lumberjacks closed last season with two trophies and a major chip on their shoulder. Winning six of their last seven games, including a 29-14 win over arch rival Northwestern State, SFA expected to parlay its SFL co-championship into a playoff bid.

Instead, 22nd-ranked SFA's reward was to head to offseason workouts as second-year coach Mike Santiago searched for replacements for his one-two running back punch of KaRon Coleman (929 yards) and Isiah Stoker (922). Senior Derrick Blaylock has experience at the tailback slot, but his history of hamstring problems makes depth a major

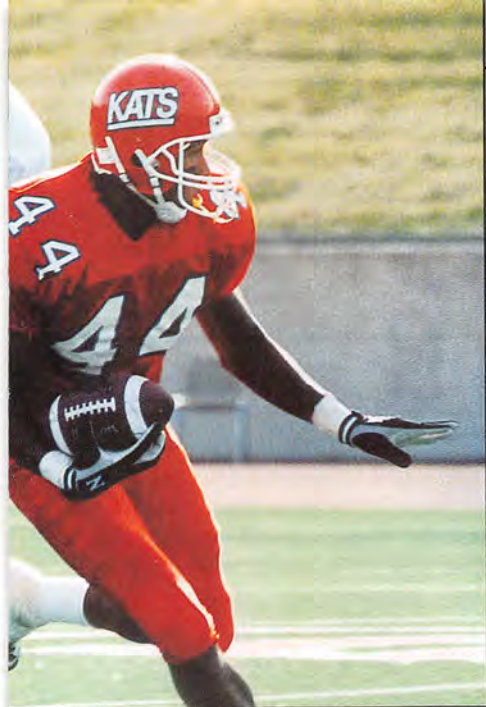
TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE: QB-Brock Nutter, Troy State
DEFENSE: LB-C.J. Carroll, SW Texas
NEWCOMER: QB-Ben Beach, NW State

GAMES TO WATCH

Troy State at Appalachian St. Sept. 9
Troy State at Northwestern State Oct. 7
McNeese State at Sam Houston State Oct. 28

Troy State at Stephen F. Austin Nov. 4
Northwestern St. at S.F. Austin Nov. 18



Matt Dominguez, Sam Houston State

issue. Three freshmen and a walk-on are Blaylock's support, putting more pressure on second-team All-SFL quarterback Wes Pate to carry more of the scoring load.

A trio of starting linebackers, led by Kyle Dews, could be the best in the SFL.

4 McNEESE STATE COWBOYS

Defense was McNeese State's hallmark when Kirby Bruchhaus was the coordinator, but in his first six games as head coach the Cowboys were porous, yielding a whopping 32 points per game. Starting with a 20-17 win over Northwestern State, MSU

closed with four wins in the final five games and did it by giving up only 10 points a game.

While the defense tightened up, the reversal of fortunes coincided with the takeover of the starting quarterback job by Slade Nagle. The Clemson transfer gave MSU the consistency it needed to rally at the end of last season. Nagle and junior tailback Jessie Burton give the Cowboys good balance, but the difference-makers could be in the line with seniors like guard Rod Cantu and tackle Wes Hines. Injuries turned spring practice into triage, as the drills ended with a controlled scrimmage rather than spring game thanks to eight starters, including Burton, being on the sidelines.

5 SAM HOUSTON STATE BEARKATS

Senior Matt Dominguez's 67 junior-year catches broke the school record—his own of 57 as a sophomore—and after three seasons he owns the career mark with 167 (a 20-year-old record at SHSU). The problem for the nation's No. 4 receiver in I-AA is very simple: Who will throw him the ball?

The Bearkats lose all-everything quarterback Chris Chaloupka, an Oklahoma State transfer who swept the league awards (player, offensive player and newcomer) in his one year with SHSU. Senior Albert Bradley had starts as a freshman and sophomore, but may be a backup to another transfer, junior Brian Null from Blinn JC.

D'Angelo Torres, Southwest Texas State



6 SOUTHWEST TEXAS ST. BOBCATS

The strength of the Southwest Texas defense showed on the 1999 All-SFL team, where the Bobcats claimed four of the 11 first-team spots. The Southland's best and No. 7 in the nation, the defense should maintain its potency behind returning first-team All-SFL lineman Ben McClellan, a pair of top linebackers in sophomore Greg Pitts and senior C.J. Carroll, and the league's top punter, Rick Barrow.

The focus in San Marcos is on finding a semblance of an offense. The ground game is healthy with the return of 1,000-yard rusher Bronson Sanders, a junior, and senior D'Angelo Torres is a standout receiver. Quarterback is the key, but neither senior Jason Griffin nor junior Reagan George head into the fall as a sure starter.

7 JACKSONVILLE STATE GAMECOCKS

After three head coaches in the space of six months, the Gamecocks enter 2000 with wily veteran Jack Crowe at the helm. Jacksonville marks Crowe's return to the head-coaching ranks since his departure from Arkansas in the early 1990s.

The team Crowe inherits has some of the best offensive potential in the SFL, but its talent does not play to the coach's ground-oriented style. How the coach meshes with the league's top returning quarterback, sophomore Reggie Stancil, is key. Also back are two of the league's top five returning receivers, seniors Yeasive Ware and Cedric Allen, who helped the Gamecocks rank second in the league in passing offense last season.

8 NICHOLLS STATE COLONELS

A few years ago Nicholls State became one of the greatest turnaround stories in college football. The 2000 season won't be as dramatic as the eight-game improvement of 1996, but second-year coach Daryl Daye seeks to put respectability back into the Colonels.

The eight-game losing streak of 1999 (including four shutouts) puts a premium on change for this fall. A 28-man recruiting class, highlighted by four touted jucos from Mississippi, is the start for a team that went 1-10 last year and did not place a single player on the All-SFL team. ■

SWAC

SWAC to go Southern in old, familiar refrain.

BY CHUCK PICKARD

The Southwestern Athletic Conference sported a new look last season with a 10-team alignment, which led to the league's inaugural championship game between division winners Southern and Jackson State. But the same old story unfolded in the title contest, as the Jaguars eked out a 31-30 win to claim the conference crown for a third straight year.

And the script is not expected to change in 2000, with Southern again favored to beat Jackson in the battle pitting the Western and Eastern Division champs. The two teams will square off in a regular-season headliner on October 14th in New Orleans.

Southern and Jackson accounted for seven of the league's 10 titles during the '90s. The Jags (79-38-0) hold a slight edge over the Tigers (76-37-1) during that period.

Southern will make its pitch for a fourth straight title behind a potent passing attack that features quarterback Troy Williams (1,753 passing yards and 13 touchdowns) along with the two top receivers from last season—Michael Hayes and Al'trev Joubert. Jackson will lean heavily on T.C. Taylor, who performed well as a backup to record-setting QB Mark Washington.

Grambling poses the biggest threat to Southern in the Western Division race, which could be decided on November 25th when the old rivals clash in New Orleans' Superdome. The G-Men also must replace a standout passer in Lionel Hayes, who was the SWAC's top-ranked slinger in 1999. The league's newest member, Alabama A&M, is regarded as the chief challenger to Jackson in the Eastern Division. The Bulldogs have posted a .500 record (11-11) in their two seasons as a SWAC member, and they figure to improve on that mark with nine starters returning off an offensive unit that averaged 361 yards per game.

Meanwhile, the misery continues for Prairie View A&M, which has gone 23 straight seasons without posting a winning record. The Panthers finished on the plus side of the ledger with a 6-5 mark in 1976.

PREDICTIONS

EASTERN DIVISION	WESTERN DIVISION
1. Jackson State	1. Southern
2. Alabama A&M	2. Grambling
3. Alcorn State	3. Texas Southern
4. Alabama State	4. Arkansas-Pine Bluff
5. Mississippi Valley	5. Prairie View A&M

EASTERN DIVISION

1 JACKSON STATE TIGERS

Freewheeling Jackson State rolled up some huge offensive numbers last season in winning the Western Division title and taking Southern to the wire before dropping a 31-30 squeaker in the inaugural SWAC Championship Game. The Tigers (9-3) led the league in both scoring (37.3 points per game) and total offense (488.7 yards per contest), which was the third-highest average among I-AA schools.

Three main weapons are missing from that explosive unit—one of them a first-round NFL Draft pick—leaving second-year coach Robert Hughes confronted with a major rebuilding job. The record-setting trio includes quarterback Mark Washington, wide receiver Sylvester Morris and running back Destry Wright. Washington tossed a school-record 29 TD passes, while Morris, selected 21st by the Kansas City Chiefs in the NFL Draft's first round, set new single-season standards for catches (69) and receiving yards (1,286).

Linebacker Tommy Head and cornerback Rashard Anderson will be difficult to replace on the defensive unit, which was the toughest to run against in I-AA circles, allowing a meager 72.3 yards per game. Head was named SWAC Defensive Player of the Year after making a team-leading 100 tackles. Anderson was the 23rd player chosen in the NFL Draft by the Carolina Panthers.

But the cupboard is far from bare, with several all-conference candidates among the

43 returning lettermen. Junior signal-caller T.C. Taylor performed well in a backup role, completing 52 percent of his passes for 552 yards and six scores. Senior Daniel Guy was the second-leading receiver with 29 grabs for 660 yards and six TDs.

2

ALABAMA A&M
BULLDOGS

Ronald Cooper throws his hat into the ring for round three of SWAC warfare, and the Alabama A&M coach realizes that the league's newest member has the muscle power to deliver a knockout punch. After going 5-6 as the new kid on the block in 1998, the Bulldogs reversed those numbers last season and they are aiming for bigger things in 2000.

With 20 starters returning, nine of whom performed on the league's second-most productive offensive unit (361 yards per game), Cooper has good reason to feel confident about his team's title chances.

Senior Kelvin Robinson, who transferred from Central Florida, inherits the quarterback job. His primary target will be wide receiver Kenyon Hambrick, who led the team with 43 catches (seven TD grabs) and 598 yards receiving.

3

ALCORN STATE
BRAVES

After winning the SWAC title in 1992 and sharing the crown with Grambling in 1994, Alcorn State continued to head in

Daniel Guy, Jackson State



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**TOP
PLAYERS**

OFFENSE: RB-Corey Holmes, Mississippi Valley
DEFENSE: LB-George Guidry, Grambling
NEWCOMER: RB-Nathan McLaurin, Jackson St.

**GAMES
TO WATCH**

Jackson St. vs. Southern
(at New Orleans) October 14
Alabama A&M at Jackson St. November 4

Texas Southern at Southern November 11
Southern vs. Grambling
(at New Orleans) November 25

a downward direction last season, as the Braves suffered through a fifth straight losing campaign. Alcorn got off to a 3-2 start, but the wheels came off for coach Johnny Thomas' team in the second half of the season. The Braves were winless in their final five games to finish 3-7 overall and 1-3 in the conference.

There should be more consistency on this year's team with a pair of All-America candidates—tight end Marcus Holbert and free safety Ken Washington—heading a list of 12 returning starters.

4 ALABAMA STATE HORNETS

Is there a doctor in the house? Alabama State fans raised this question last season after the Hornets limped to the finish line with a dismal 2-9 record. Lawrence "LC" Cole has hung his shingle on the coaching wall determined to find a cure for the ailing program, which has its sights set on entering the I-AA ranks in the coming years.

The new ASU mentor is stepping into an unsettled situation, but one thing is crystal clear—the former Nebraska star will instill a winning attitude in his troops. After all, he turned out two Ohio Valley Conference champions at Tennessee State.

The defense suffered a deep gash in 1999 by allowing a whopping 452 yards and 33 points per game to finish near the bottom in both categories in I-AA, which ranked 122 teams. The Hornets were No. 118 in total defense and No. 108 in scoring defense. Linebacker Chris Carter and defensive back Eric Hudson are being counted on to plug the leaks.

5 MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DELTA DEVILS

Most teams would consider tossing in the towel after starting 0-7 and being manhandled by a whopping 140-7 margin in two of the losses. But Mississippi Valley did a sharp about-face following major drubbings at the hands of Western Illinois (77-7) and Jackson State (63-0), reeling off three straight wins before dropping a 20-19 squeaker to Morris Brown in the season finale.

Second-year coach LaTraia Jones would like to see this momentum carry over into the 2000 campaign, and talented running back Corey Holmes will lead the Delta Devils out of the chute. The stocky senior (5-8, 180 pounds) proved to be a one-man wrecking

crew by rushing for 1,692 yards (91 percent of the team's total output on the ground) and his 153.8 average per game ranked fourth nationally in I-AA circles.

WESTERN DIVISION

1 SOUTHERN JAGUARS

Break up the Jaguars! That's the battle cry being heard around the league as SWAC teams attempt to derail streaking Southern, which is shooting for a fourth straight conference crown. The last league member to turn this trick was Grambling (1977-80). If numbers can be used as a measuring stick, coach Pete Richardson (107-31-1) is a good bet to keep the Jaguars on the title track, barring injuries to key players.

Richardson turned in a superb motivational job last season following a humiliating 65-18 loss to Florida A&M. But the SU skipper refused to push the panic button as the Jags (11-2) rebounded to reel off three straight victories, including a 31-30 nod over Jackson State in the championship game.

With QB Troy Williams still in the cockpit along with last season's top two receivers (Michael Hayes and Al'trev Joubert), Southern has all the ingredients for an awesome aerial attack.

The defense features All-SWAC defensive back Edreece Brown, who picked off a league-leading six passes.

2 GRAMBLING TIGERS

Finding a replacement for talented quarterback Lionel Hayes will be a major concern for former Grambling aerial artist Doug Williams, who is entering his fourth season at the Tiger helm. Hayes emerged as the league's top passer in 1999 with 2,935 yards and 30 touchdown flings.

Williams will need to draw on his knowledge of the passing game with a pair of untested sophomore signal-callers, Gary Morrison and Micah Mays, competing for the starting job. On the brighter side, All-SWAC performer Scotty Anderson is regarded as one of the top receivers in I-AA ranks. He hauled in 65 aerials for 1,165 yards and 15 TDs. Linebacker George Guidry leads the defense after recording a team-high nine sacks in '99.

Grambling faded at the finish in posting a 7-4 record last season.

3 TEXAS SOUTHERN TIGERS

Reviving a dormant offense will be a top priority for coach Bill Thomas, who enters his seventh season at the Texas Southern helm. The Tigers ranked 113th among 122 Division I-AA schools in both passing (118.2 yards per game) and total offense (258 per).

Quarterback Julius Davis must improve on his passing numbers in order for the Tigers to be a serious contender in the Western Division race. Davis completed just 37 percent of his flings (55 of 146) for 747 yards and he had two fewer TD tosses (seven) than interceptions (nine).

4 ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF GOLDEN LIONS

Facing a schedule that even Ripley would find hard to believe, the Golden Lions (6-5) play their first six games on the road with stops in five different states before winding up the season with five straight home contests. Coach Lee Hardman's road-weary crew makes its home debut October 21 against Kentucky State.

The team's success will depend in large measure on senior quarterback Darrell Shelton, who must step forward as the team leader after starting the final three games last season.

5 PRAIRIE VIEW A & M PANTHERS

The downtrodden Panthers absorbed another old-fashioned licking last year, as opponents dominated the scoreboard by almost a 3-to-1 margin (324-109). Much of the damage resulted from blowout losses to Texas Southern (34-0), Southern (42-0) and Alcorn State (61-0). But remarkably, coach Greg Johnson's woeful team salvaged a pair of wins from the wreckage, thus doubling its victory output for the decade. Prairie View snapped the school's record 80-game losing streak by beating Langston (Oklahoma) University in 1998.

Johnson has abandoned the sinking ship, and the SOS call for a new skipper had gone unanswered as the Panthers prepared to begin spring practice. There is a ray of hope on the horizon with 10 returning starters in camp. This group includes three offensive players: running back DeMelvin Kelley, wide receiver Marcus Ballard and QB Jamaal Foster. ■

I-AA INDEPENDENTS

South Florida should enjoy last I-AA hurrah.

BY LES KOVACH

SOUTH FLORIDA BULLS

On schedule to become a full-fledged I-A program next year and to join Conference USA in 2003, the Bulls, 7-4, face an ambitious I-A schedule in 2000. Coach Jim Leavitt (20-13 in three seasons) again will lean on his defense.

Corners Bernard Brown and Glenn Davis and safeties Anthony Henry and Roy Manns (team-high 97 tackles) anchor a unit that returns all 11 starters. Senior Marshall Smith and Georgia transfer Kawika Mitchell finished second and third, respectively, in tackles. Middle linebacker and team captain Jason Butler hopes to return strong from a knee injury that kept him out most of last season.

On offense, redshirt sophomore Marquel Blackwell (1,620 yards passing, 16 touchdowns, 10 interceptions) is developing into a solid starter at quarterback.

Anthony Henry, South Florida



HOFSTRA FLYING DUTCHMEN

After the graduation of the entire offensive backfield and three starters along the line, the Flying Dutchmen will be hard pressed to repeat last season's 10-1 record. Coach Joe Gardi (81-29-2 in 10 seasons), a finalist for I-AA Coach of the Year, will lean heavily on a defense that ranked No. 7 in points allowed in 1999.

Sophomore Robert Thomas, an All-America candidate at cornerback, and safety Doug Shanahan (91 tackles) provide big-play ability in the secondary. Connecticut transfer Ryan Fletcher joins Adam Brown and end Khary Williams up front. Rocky Butler and Ryan Cosentino are the leading candidates to replace four-year starter and third-round NFL draft pick Giovanni Carmazzi (San Francisco 49ers) at quarterback. Steve Jackson (73 catches, 975 yards, eight TDs) is the top receiver.

GEORGETOWN HOYAS

The Hoyas, coming off consecutive 9-2 seasons, are set to join the Patriot League next year. Junior Sean Peterson and sophomore Dave Paulus will compete to replace MAAC Co-Offensive Player of the Year J.J. Mont at quarterback. They'll throw to an experienced group of receivers, including All-America candidate Gharun Hester (1,073 receiving yards, 13 TDs). Aaron Brown (252 yards) is the top returning rusher.

Five starters return to a defense that ranked 11th in I-AA. Ryan O'Donoghue (74 tackles) is joined by fellow seniors Brett Crowder and Mike Turnamian in a deep secondary.

ST. JOHN'S RED STORM

The Red Storm (7-4) and coach Bob Ricca hope to continue their winning ways behind the strength of Division I-AA's

top defense, which allowed just 200 yards and 13 points a game in 1999. The unit's top three tacklers all return: linebackers Rich Hosein (107 tackles, six sacks) and Cory Mitchell (70 tackles) and defensive back Dan Kelskey (91).

The team also returns 1999's most valuable player, Elliot Hulse, who made a major impact on both sides of the ball, leading St. John's in rushing with 705 yards and eight TDs after stepping into an injury-depleted backfield and tallying 13 tackles for loss from his nose guard spot. Sophomores Josh Krapf and Sal Aragona are the leading candidates to take over at quarterback.

SAMFORD BULLDOGS

The Bulldogs (7-4) will go as far as their offense will take them. Coach Pete Hurt hopes the experience of sophomore quarterback Josh Kellett (831 yards, seven TDs) and eight other returning starters on offense will make up for a young defense. Senior Rashad Brewer (6.1 yards per carry) and junior Gary Reed will try to fill the shoes of all-time leading rusher Jerome Russell. Three-year starters Phillip Duplantis at tackle and Jim Dudley at guard lead a line that returns intact.

Linebacker Matthew Forester, the team's leading returning tackler (57), and end Lamar Whitaker (six sacks) provide leadership on defense. Michael Williams (43 tackles) anchors the secondary.

SOUTHERN UTAH THUNDERBIRDS

Coming off their most successful season in over a decade, the Thunderbirds (8-3) have significant holes to fill. On offense, Southern Utah must replace all-time leading rusher Brook Madsen, slotback Terry Rose, who led the team in receiving the last three seasons, and All-America guard John Uriarte. The defense loses five starters, including All-America safety Josh Roberts.

The good news is the return of senior QB Matt Cannon, who has rushed for more than 1,000 yards in each of his three seasons and threw for another 1,383 yards last year. Defensive end Blake Bingham (team-leading six sacks) and senior linebacker Spencer Woolston, second on the team with 74 tackles, lead the defense.

**TOP
PLAYERS**

OFFENSE: QB-David Dinkins, Morehead St.
DEFENSE: CB-Robert Thomas, Hofstra
NEWCOMER: QB-Seth Burford, Cal Poly

**GAMES
TO WATCH**

South Florida at Kentucky September 9
S. Florida at Southern Miss. October 7

Liberty at Hofstra October 13
Morehead St. at Southern Utah November 11



Matt Cannon, Southern Utah

MOREHEAD STATE **EAGLES**

With 15 returning starters, coach Matt Ballard again has reason for optimism. Record-setting QB David Dinkins (20 total TDs), who passed and rushed for 1,000 yards for a second season, is the key to the Eagles' (5-5) season. Senior center Jason Tillett leads a line that will block for a talented group of running backs, including halfback Joevon Stennett (team-high 26 catches, 7.3 yards per carry) and fullback Nicholas Wooldridge (7.0-yard average).

Junior Brian Davis, the team's leading returning tackler (68), heads an experienced secondary. The linebacking corps will be bolstered by the return of Chris Knight, who missed half the season due to injury.

CHARLESTON SOUTHERN **BUCCANEERS**

The Buccaneers (4-6) look to take the next step behind the experience of 28 returning seniors and a defense that is among I-AA's best. But CSU and 10th-year head coach David Dowd face a tough schedule.

Captain and emotional leader Josh Bender returns at middle linebacker for a fifth year after being granted a medical redshirt last season. He's joined by eight other returning

starters on defense, including linebackers Jason Watson (49 tackles) and Maurice Masters. They're backed by an outstanding secondary: Antonio Simmons, Mike McHoney, Marcus Littlejohn and Jamie Hatley.

Quarterback Jeff McCool and running back Vinson Blain lead a unit that set a school record for total offense (3,397 yards).

AUSTIN PEAY **GOVERNORS**

Coach Bill Schmitz continues to develop a young Austin Peay team, which finished 3-8 last season. Record-setting junior Brian Baker (2,809 yards passing, 25 TDs) returns at quarterback to lead the Governors' improving offense.

Baker will benefit from the return of a deep receiving corps led by junior Michael Farrell (66 catches, 965 yards, seven TDs, all team highs) and senior tight end Daniel Herndon (41, 532, six).

DAVIDSON **WILDCATS**

After consecutive eight-win seasons, the Wildcats must get used to a new coach in 2000, as former Princeton offensive coordinator Joe Susan arrives to replace Tim Landis, who left for the top job at St. Mary's (California) in March.

The team's strength is the defense, led by All-America corner Ryan Crawford, who led I-AA with eight interceptions last year, and senior lineman Bo Henderson (96 tackles).

Fifth-year senior Shaun Tyrance (864 yards passing, 227 rushing) and sophomore Paul Nichols will compete for the starting QB spot. Junior Ryan Pagan (4.9 yards per carry) and senior Corey Crawford, who led the team with 29 receptions, are the top returning running backs.

CAL POLY **MUSTANGS**

The Mustangs, 3-8 for the second straight season, have struggled since 1997, when they finished 10-1 in coach Larry Welsh's first season. The offense must replace all-time rushing leader Craig Young and starting QB Andy Jepson.

Transfer Seth Burford (Idaho State) is the heir apparent at quarterback. He'll throw to a talented receiving corps led by junior Adam Herzing (team-high 568 yards receiving).

ST. MARY'S (CA) **GAELS**

New coach Tim Landis takes over the Gaels' rebuilding job after turning around the program in seven seasons at Davidson, where he won eight games each of the last two years.

Lane Baker (team-high 82 tackles) and an experienced linebacking corps are the backbone of the defense. Travis White (41) provides a solid push up front. The offense will rely on quarterback Gus Papanikolas, who threw for 1,256 yards and nine TDs after transferring from Air Force.

LIBERTY **FLAMES**

Ken Karcher steps in as the Flames' sixth coach in 27 years following the retirement of former Cleveland Browns head coach Sam Rutigliano (67-51). Karcher, who spent the last three years as offensive coordinator for the Rhein Fire of the NFL Europe league, hopes to improve on the team's disappointing 4-7 finish in '99.

On offense, Liberty must find a replacement for leading rusher Stacy Nobles, who averaged 107 yards a game. Senior quarterback Christian Newsome (1,268 yards passing, 15 touchdowns) and backup Biff Parson provide experience. The defense must fill some holes, particularly in the secondary, where it lost standout Torrey Rush to graduation.

JACKSONVILLE **DOLPHINS**

Coach Steve Gilbert guides a maturing team into its third season. The Dolphins (3-6) continue to gain experience. Running back Jon Underhill leads a talented group of backs that averaged 124 yards a game last year. The defense must improve after allowing 383 yards per contest.

ELON **PHOENIX**

After narrowly missing the I-AA playoffs, Elon (9-2) and fifth-year head coach Al Seagraves are determined to accomplish more this year. Senior Derrick Moore returns to direct the team's potent wishbone offense for a third season. Tackle Kelly Forrest provides leadership for the Phoenix on defense. ■

DIVISION 2

Expect NW Missouri State to follow tough act with threeppeat.

BY GREGG DEWALT
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The last Division II football game of the century may have been the best one ever played. And if Northwest Missouri State's 58-52 quadruple overtime win over Carson-Newman in last season's championship game was a sign of things to come, there's nothing to worry about in the D-II game.

The Bearcats enter the new millennium seeking to become only the second team in Division II history to win three consecutive national championships. But they needed a stunning comeback from a 16-point deficit after three quarters to secure their second title on the Braly Stadium field in Florence, Alabama.

For Carson-Newman, it was another bitter end to a season that showed the promise of a first Division II championship.

But as has been the case for the Eagles so often in the past, they failed to get the job done in Braly Stadium, where they have never won in six tries. The latest loss was arguably the most disappointing because the Eagles seemingly had the game won in regulation.

Quarterback Travis Miles capped Northwest Missouri's furious second-half comeback by hitting J.R. Hill with a 34-yard touchdown pass with 10 seconds left in regulation. A two-point conversion pass to Ryan George tied the game at 44.

Both teams matched the other with a touchdown and field goal in the first three overtimes. Finally, in the fourth overtime, receiver Tony Miles slipped free to catch a 13-yard touchdown pass.

When Cole Sidwell stripped Antwon Oliver of the ball on Carson-Newman's next possession, the game was over and the Bearcats were celebrating their second consecutive national championship.

Afterwards, Tony Miles summed up the game perfectly.

"That was the most incredible football game I have ever experienced or seen in my life, the greatest game ever," he said. "Words can't describe what happened out there."

With two titles under their belts, coach Mel Tjeerdsma's Bearcats (14-1) enter the 2000 season as the team to beat.

"I feel like we have a lot of things in place," Tjeerdsma says. "Whether we can do it again, that would be a monumental task. It's something we realistically think we can do."

"The one thing that will help us is that I won't have to tell these guys how hard it is to repeat. These guys have experienced it and know how tough it was last year."

As tough as it was last year, **Northwest Missouri State** and coach Mel Tjeerdsma have plenty to work with, especially on offense where Travis Miles returns at quarterback, along with running backs David Jansen (1,669 rushing yards, 20 TDs) and Tucker Woosley. Favorite targets Tony Miles (69 catches, 1,058 yards) and J.R. Hill also return.

The defense loses five key contributors, but returns potential All-America linebackers in Brian Williams and Wes Simmons. The biggest boost will come from the return of defensive tackle Aaron Becker, an All-America in 1998 who missed all of last season with a knee injury.

Look for **Carson-Newman** (13-1) to make another run at an elusive national championship. But Ken Sparks is going to have to find replacements for some key players, including All-America defensive lineman Cedric Killings and kick returner/wide receiver Ques Rumph.

But quarterback Leonard Guyton is back to run the Eagles' explosive veer offense, and so is Antwon Oliver, who rushed for 194 yards and two touchdowns in last championship game.

Five points separated **North Dakota State** from a perfect season and playoff berth in '99. The Bison haven't won a national championship since 1990, a long drought by

their standards. Twenty starters return from last year's 9-2 team, including running back Lamar Gordon (1,495 rushing yards, 22 touchdowns), who will run behind an offensive line that returns intact.

Northern Colorado (11-2) lost its head coach (Joe Glenn) and Harlon Hill Trophy-winning quarterback Corte McGuffey, but the cupboard is hardly bare with tailback Wes Daniels (775 yards) running behind an offensive line that features All-America Ryan Burkholder at offensive tackle. Shad Morelock will key the defense from his strong safety position, but the special teams will miss kicker/punter Mike Schauer, the school leader in points and field goals.

Slippery Rock (10-2) should again be in the playoff mix as quarterback Randy McKavish leads a veteran offense that produced two 1,000-yard rushers last season in Stan Kennedy and Dorrian Glenn.

Pittsburg State (10-2) coach Chuck Broyles became the first collegiate coach on any level to win 100 games in less than 10 full seasons. The Gorillas will kick off the 2000 season with a potent backfield led by quarterback Lateef Walker, who set a conference record with 1,041 rushing yards and 13 TDs last season. The Gorillas averaged 330.5 rushing yards per game, second in Division II. Two-time All-America linebacker Wes Baker leads a defense that led the nation in scoring defense (10.4 points per game).

California-Davis (10-2) can match the Division II record for consecutive winning seasons as it tries to extend the streak to 31. The offense is in good hands as J.T. O'Sullivan returns at quarterback (3,217 yards passing, 26 touchdowns), and the defense is led by tackle Robby Flannery, who set a school record for sacks in a season with 11.5.

Indiana University of Pennsylvania (8-4) will ride running back Aamir Dew on offense and linebacker Mike Borisenko on defense in an attempt to return to the playoffs. Dew rushed for 1,188 yards, while Borisenko had 119 tackles, including 16 for loss.

Texas A&M-Kingsville (5-5) survived a season of turmoil and coach Ron Harms retired after the season. Richard Cundiff takes over for Harms after a 15-year stint as the Javelinas' defensive coordinator. Kingsville has not won the Lone Star Conference in two years, a long drought for a team that won six straight between 1992 and 1997.

**GAMES
TO WATCH**

Pittsburg State at Northwest Missouri September 16
Slippery Rock at Indiana (Pennsylvania) September 30
Carson-Newman at Catawba October 28

Northern Colorado at North Dakota State November 4
California-Davis at Western Washington November 11

DIVISION 2 TOP 25

1. Northwest Missouri State
2. Carson-Newman
3. North Dakota State
4. Northern Colorado
5. Slippery Rock
6. Pittsburg State
7. California-Davis
8. Indiana (Pennsylvania)
9. Texas A&M-Kingsville
10. Arkansas Tech
11. Millersville
12. Catawba
13. Fort Valley State
14. Central Oklahoma
15. Western Washington
16. Northwood
17. South Dakota State
18. Southern Arkansas
19. Bloomsburg
20. Ferris State
21. Northern State
22. Presbyterian
23. Nebraska-Omaha
24. Chadron State
25. West Georgia

As a league, the Gulf South Conference has slipped a bit. But **Arkansas Tech** has done nothing but improve in recent seasons. The Wonder Boys (9-3) will look to repeat their first championship, but must replace eight starters on defense.

Millersville (9-3) coach Dr. Gene Carpenter is now the winningest active coach in Division II (214-86-6), and the Marauders

Tony Miles, Northwest Missouri State

will look to build on last year's 9-3 record behind quarterback Drew Folmar, who has thrown 75 TD passes in three seasons. His top target is Sean Scott (67 catches, 1,030 yards). When Folmar isn't passing, he's usually handing off to John Flamish (1,030 rushing yards, 13 TDs).

Catawba (11-2) is always poised, ready to take over for Carson-Newman as king of the South Atlantic Conference, but never seems to be able to get over the hump. Quarterback Mitch Ellis could change that this year after setting school records for passing yards (2,830) and touchdowns (23) in '99. Defensively, the Indians ranked first in Division II against the run, third in scoring defense and fourth in total defense.

Fort Valley State (10-2) should be the cream of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference crop. Bookend defensive ends Yarvis Pringle and Maurice Thomas combined for 28.5 sacks. Offensively, All-SIAC quarterback Renotto Solomon will be amply protected by all-conference linemen Phillip Shiflet, Jonathan Mosley and Jerry Jackson.

Central Oklahoma (8-3) defensive tackle Claude Davis had nine sacks and 19 tackles for loss among his 82 total stops. The Bronchos return seven other defensive starters as they try to win at least another share of the Lone Star championship.

Western Washington (8-3) has dominated the Columbia Football Association, winning four of the past six championships. Western was good on both sides of the ball in '99,



Brian Minehart, Slippery Rock

averaging 33.4 points while limiting the opposition to 272 total yards per game. Seven starters, including quarterback Scott Mitchell, return on offense. Defensive end Dan Bell led the defense with nine sacks.

Northwood (8-2) had a breakthrough season, claiming a share of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship for the first time since 1976. With 19 starters back, the Timberwolves may be ready to advance to the playoffs. Junior quarterback Sleepie Tollie is the Division II equivalent of Virginia Tech star Michael Vick. Last season he rushed for 16 TDs and threw for nine more.

Josh Ranek is a one-man wrecking crew for the **South Dakota State** Jackrabbits (8-3). Ranek, a returning All-America and a certain Harlon Hill Trophy candidate, has rewritten the school record book in just two seasons. He rushed for 2,055 yards and scored 28 touchdowns as a sophomore.

Coach Steve Roberts has turned the program around at **Southern Arkansas** (8-2) by winning 25 of 31 games over the past three years. The Muleriders must rebuild half of their defense,



but linebacker Marcoles Board gives them a solid foundation. On offense, expect the Muleriders flexbone offense to run behind Michael Bostar, who returns after missing 1998 with a shoulder injury.

A balanced offense helped **Bloomsburg** (7-4) to a winning season, but coach Danny Hale would like to see the defense shut people down, as the Huskies gave up over 21 points per game in the victories. With seven defensive starters returning, including defensive backs Rudy Garcia, Keith Freeman and Toyae Berry—who combined for 11 interceptions—the Huskies should be better. On offense, quarterback Eric Miller threw 25 touchdown passes against only six interceptions.

Ferris State (7-3) shared the GLIAC title with Northwood and should challenge for the league championship again. Scoring wasn't a problem for the Bulldogs, who led the nation with 47.3 points and 534.5 yards per game. But nine starters are gone from the offense, forcing coach Jeff Pierce to rely on his defense this year.

With 3,522 yards in three seasons, **Northern State's** Tyrone Morgan is on pace to shatter the school rushing record. The Wolves (9-2) are the defending Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference champions and are the favorite to repeat that title.

Presbyterian (7-4) should again be great on offense as junior quarterback Todd Cunningham and senior receiver Travis Smith are the most potent combination in the South Atlantic Conference. But the Blue Hose must improve on defense to challenge Carson-Newman and Catawba.

Nebraska-Omaha (7-4) was the only team to beat D-II champion Northwest Missouri State. Quarterback Kwanzi Watts proved to be a double threat, rushing for 1,119 yards and 14 touchdowns, and passing for 1,324 yards and seven touchdowns. Adam Wright needs 349 yards to become the school's all-time leading rusher, but will have to get those yards behind a rebuilt offensive line.

Chadron State (7-3) lost most of its offense, but still has kicker Aaron Turner, who connected on 15 of 20 field goals and all 32 extra points. Coach Brad Smith's team also returns four first- or second-team all-conference players on defense.

At **West Georgia** (8-3), coach Glenn Spencer must replace 11 starters, but does have 1998 Gulf South Conference Offensive Player of the Year Jeremy Clements back at quarterback for one more year. Safety Nate



Coggins and defensive tackle Channing Williams will lead the defense.

Mitch Ellis, Catawba

OTHERS TO WATCH

Delta State (6-4) returns 15 starters, including the entire offensive line. On defense, ends Ezell Powell and Marvell Granville should be solid performers.

Western State (5-6) was decimated by injuries last season, but should rebound from a sub-par season with 17 starters returning. Josh Hotchkiss is among the best linebackers in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

North Carolina Central (5-5) returns the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association's leading rusher in Junior Bulla, who averaged 109 yards per game last season.

Saginaw Valley (4-6) suffered its first losing season in five years, but should bounce back behind the Garrett Smith-to-Brian Dolph passing combination. Dolph averaged 109 receiving yards per game.

Kutztown (4-6) has nine returning players on offense, including all-conference running back Yorel Prosser, who fell 80 yards short of the 1,000-yard rushing plateau.

Former Illinois head coach Lou Tepper takes over at **East Stroudsburg** (3-8), which gave up 31.5 points per game. That should change under Tepper, who most recently was defensive coordinator at LSU.

At **Central Arkansas** (4-6), Clint Conque begins his first season as head coach. With 19 starters returning and a new "West Coast offense" in place, the Bears could make some noise in the Gulf South.

New Haven (5-5) has played .500 football the past two seasons, but has most of its high-powered offense returning. Wide receiver Ketric Barnes returned two kickoffs for touchdowns, both 95 yards, and caught 51 passes.

DIVISION 2 ALL-AMERICA TEAM

OFFENSE

QB Drew Miller	Sr. Millersville
RB Josh Ranek	Jr. South Dakota State
RB Wesley Cates	Jr. California (Pa.)
WR Damon Thompson	Sr. Virginia State
WR Lester McCoy	Sr. Emporia State
TE David Cassell	Jr. Mars Hill
OL Robert Garza	Sr. Texas A&M-Kingsville
OL John Fitzgerald	Sr. Central Oklahoma
OL Brian Minehart	Sr. Slippery Rock
OL Ryan Burkholder	Sr. Northern Colorado
OL Don Moore	Sr. Catawba
KR Matt Kacanda	Jr. East Stroudsburg
PK Milan Smado	Jr. SE Oklahoma

DEFENSE

DL DeVonte Peterson	Sr. Catawba
DL Colston Weatherington	Sr. Central Missouri
DL Claude Davis	Jr. Central Oklahoma
DL Dan Gibbons	Sr. Grand Valley State
LB Dallas Curtis	Jr. Northeast Oklahoma
LB Brian Williams	Sr. NW Missouri State
LB Mike Borisenko	Jr. Indiana (Pa.)
DB Tommie Dawson	Sr. Virginia Union
DB Jerico Washington	Jr. Clark Atlanta
DB Craig Neuhaus	Jr. Nebraska-Kearney
DB Bob Parker	Sr. American Intl.
PR Tony Miles	Jr. NW Missouri State
P Nathan White	Jr. Fairmont State

DIVISION 3

Expect Mount Union to reclaim throne in second year of expanded playoffs.

BY MIKE GOENS
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Division III's test drive of an expanded postseason played to mixed reviews last season. Mount Union coach Larry Kehres is willing to accept the new format—with a few modifications—even though the old system seemed to fit his team well. Winning three consecutive national championships under the old system has a way of spoiling you.

Count Pacific Lutheran among the group that likes the move from a 16-team field to 24. The Lutes, who unseated Mount Union and won the title, probably wouldn't have been invited to the dance without the expansion, having lost a conference game during the regular season.

As far as legendary St. John's coach John Gagliardi is concerned, the new system accomplished little. In his view, "16 is enough."

"You've got to live with the rules, but you don't got to like them all," says Gagliardi, who has 364 career victories.

Gagliardi says he likes other rules less, like the one allowing a defensive player to return a fumble recovered behind the line of scrimmage. As for an expanded playoff field, he says the weather in Minnesota and other areas in mid-December places some teams at a disadvantage during preparations. He also worries about increased injuries and academics.

"Oh, well, I guess there's inflation in everything," he says. "You've just got to play the cards you're dealt."

The expansion is a product of the NCAA trying to increase the percentage of the 217 football-playing schools getting the playoff experience.

"It worked out OK," Kehres says. "It extended the season, but only for two teams and they didn't seem to mind. I don't like the idea of teams getting a bye during the first round, but overall I think it went great."

Mount Union was one of eight teams to receive a first-round bye, but later lost in the semifinals.

"I think an expanded playoff is here to stay," Kehres says. "We just need to solve how we do it."

Just as they did in the old system, the Division III field will again be chasing **Mount Union** this season. The Purple Raiders had their dynasty interrupted by Rowan in the semifinals last year. They had won three titles and 54 games in succession before that overtime loss.

"We've had to learn to focus on remaining consistent," Kehres says. "We know the opponent is always emotionally charged when playing us and that won't change."

Senior quarterback Gary Smeck (2,878 passing yards and 37 touchdowns) has the ability to make any team an instant contender, but he has plenty of help. Adam Marino had 88 catches for 1,724 yards last year and scored 20 times. Tight end Adam Irgang is a weapon as is running back Chuck Moore, who rushed for 1,514 yards. Tackle Jason Gerber is one of three offensive linemen

back. When you add it all up, this Raider offense could surpass last year's unit that averaged 53.4 points and 560 yards every game.

The defensive line is the concern following graduation, but the remainder of the defense appears solid. Linebacker Jesse Pearson and defensive back Brooks Greenleaf are the leaders.

"I think we can have a good team," Kehres said. "How good will depend on how we develop in certain areas. As always, you've got to go out on the field and do it."

Pacific Lutheran rolled through the playoffs with relative ease last year, posting a 42-13 win over Rowan for the championship. The Lutes have huge holes to fill—13 starters graduated—but have a history of quickly reloading.

Key performers are back on offense, including quarterback Chad Johnson. He passed for 2,822 yards and 22 touchdowns

and rushed for 10 more scores, leading the unit to 40 points per outing. Wide receiver Todd McDevitt had 33 catches and Trevor Roberts and Isaac Williams are back on the line.

The linebackers will be the heart of the defense. Luke Gearhard had 100 tackles, including 26 for losses. Safety Jonathan Carlson also has big-play ability.



Gary Smeck, Mount Union

Rowan interrupted Mount Union's run last year, but the Profs have set their sights on taking one more step this year. The tradition-rich program has 12 starting positions to fill, but there is talent available.

Quarterback Mike Warker performed far beyond his freshman status would suggest last year, both throwing and running. Running backs Jason Frabasil and Antwine Simmons are solid and receiver Scott Lipford returns along with linemen Greg Gudis and Eric Rucker. The defense has leaders in defensive backs Ron Gibson and Clinton Tabb, but the linebackers must progress quickly.

There is an emerging power in the East with the progress of **Western Connecticut State**. The Colonials had a perfect regular season before losing in the second round of the playoffs. Fifteen players who started a year ago are back, including the entire offensive backfield.

Matt LeFever was the No. 2-rated quarterback in all NCAA divisions last year and threw 25 TD passes. Backs Ben LaBelle, Miguel Pickering and Chris McPhail all return after combining for about 1,500 yards. Michael Forest is a big-play receiver. On defense, Greg Boucher and Mike Toscano have lofty credentials.

GAMES TO WATCH

Mount Union at Allegheny September 2
Mount Union at Ohio Northern September 30
Rowan at Buffalo State October 7

Wisconsin-La Crosse at Wisconsin-Stevens Point October 21
Augustana at Millikin October 21

Williamette at Pacific Lutheran October 21
Wartburg at Central (Iowa) November 4
Rowan at Montclair State November 11

DIVISION 3 TOP 25

1. Mount Union
2. Pacific Lutheran
3. Rowan
4. Western Connecticut State
5. Trinity
6. St. John's
7. Wittenberg
8. Ohio Northern
9. Wisconsin-La Crosse
10. Central
11. Allegheny
12. Augustana
13. Lycoming
14. Wisconsin-Stevens Point
15. Buffalo State
16. Catholic
17. Western Maryland
18. Washington & Jefferson
19. Albion
20. Wartburg
21. Hardin-Simmons
22. Montclair State
23. Williamette
24. Hanover
25. Susquehanna

Trinity made it to the semifinals last year and returns 14 starters. The key will be replacing quarterback Mike Burton. An experienced offensive line should help the new leader. Running back Jeremy Boyce and receivers Adam Coffman and Jerheme Urban will also assist in the transition.

The Tigers will again be stout on defense after ranking third nationally last year. Defensive backs Mike McSpadden and Logan Ramirez are talented as are linebackers John Paul Visoky and Todd Swint and lineman Jason Woodall.

Gagliardi always has **St. John's** on the contender list. The Johnnies should get a

Casey Donaldson, Wittenberg



boost by the return of quarterback Tom Linnemann, who was injured in the third game last year. He is expected to hold most school passing records when he graduates. Fullback Chris Moore rushed for 1,101 yards and tight end Nate Kirschner had 29 catches. Linebacker Beau LaBore (111 tackles) is one of the nation's best and the front four is a strength.

Tradition-rich **Wittenberg** surprised many last year with 11 wins, but the Tigers won't be overlooked this year with 18 starters returning along with top performers in the kicking game. Tailback Casey Donaldson is 44 yards shy of a school rushing record. Quarterback Anthony Crane and fullback Gary Henson are also back to run the I-formation offense. The defense has linebacker Dustin Goldsbury back to control things and Juan Howard is also an anchor up front.

Ohio Northern has been playing in the shadow of conference rival Mount Union, but got its chance in the expanded playoffs last year. Two playoff wins proved that the Polar Bears belonged all along. Back Jamaal Robertson returns after gaining 1,544 yards rushing and scoring 19 TDs in 10 games. Quarterback Shane Franeer (2,229 yards and 19 TDs) has four good receivers back from an offense that gained 471 yards per outing. Middle linebacker Brad Lohr led the team in tackles while starting only seven games. Cornerback Jeremy Presar had 10 interceptions.

Wisconsin-La Crosse has a new coach but 53 lettermen and 15 starters are returning. Eight of those starters return on the offensive unit, which averaged 30 points and 377 yards per game. Quarterback Josh Boraas has won the starting slot in a competitive battle, and his top target will likely be Nick Wagner (55 catches for 823 yards). Receiver Ben Anthony and an experienced line will also get

attention. The defense, led by Brian Portilia and Jeremy Unerti, will make headlines along with punter Luke DesJarlasis.

No team has won more frequently over the last 39 years than **Central**. The Dutch, winners of 81 percent of their games during the stretch, expect to improve this year. The offense will carry much of the load early with eight starters back, including quarterback Scott Koerselman. Aaron Aeschliman rushed for 1,129 yards and receiver Chris McCullough turned 28 catches into 807 yards. The defense loses six starters, but key players are back in linebacker Jeff Sanger (111 tackles), tackles Steve Perkins (14 sacks) and Ryan Anderson (15 tackles for loss), and back Chad Klein (seven interceptions).

Allegheny won only six times last year, but the Gators are likely to return to power despite playing one of the nation's toughest schedules. The four losses were by a total of 19 points, and experience is expected to make a difference this year. Among 10 returning offensive starters is center Bill Andrews, who is key in the run-oriented offense. Shane Ream is the top runner, having gained 135 yards per contest in the last five games. Tackle Joe Rossi and cornerback LaMarcus Thurman lead the defense.

Jim Barnes steps into a big pair of shoes at **Augustana**. The Vikings have appeared in 13 playoffs and expectations won't go down for the first-year coach. Fortunately, he has eight offensive and five defensive starters back to aid the transition. All five offensive linemen are back, led by Mack Hay and J.D. Sheldon, to power the Viking running game, which was second best in the land last year. David Chorney fell 47 yards shy of the 1,000-yard mark last year. Linebackers Kraig McPeck and Roy Fritz are being counted on heavily.

Defense has been a trademark of many **Lycoming** teams and that won't change this year as the Warriors gun for their fifth straight unbeaten regular season. Nine starters are back from a unit that led the nation in scoring defense, yielding six points per game. Defensive back John Scanlan and lineman Mark Seagreaves are the ringleaders. Only three offensive starters return, though. Fullback Mike Selvenis will shoulder much of the offensive load. Punter John Shaffer will also be called on to win the field-position battle.

Wisconsin-Stevens Point made a living last year with a big-play defense that grabbed 24 interceptions. All but one of the starters in the defensive backfield returns. If the defensive front can be rebuilt to complement linebacker

DIVISION 3 ALL-AMERICA TEAM

OFFENSE

QB	Gary Smeck	SR	Mount Union
RB	Jamaal Robertson	SR	Ohio Northern
RB	Casey Donaldson	SR	Wittenberg
WR	Adam Marino	SR	Mount Union
WR	Matt Eisenberg	SR	Juniata
OL	Mack Hay	SR	Augustana
OL	Jason Matusik	SR	Wash. & Jefferson
OL	Jason Gerber	SR	Mount Union
OL	Tim McCarthy	SR	Catholic
OL	Adam Grossman	SR	Ithaca
TE	Jeff Pedersen	JR	Grinnell
PK	Ryan Geisler	SR	California Lutheran
RS	Joshua Carter	JR	Muhlenberg

DEFENSE

DL	Jason Welty	SR	Hanover
DL	Mark Seagreaves	SR	Lycoming
DL	Greg Boucher	JR	Western Connecticut
DL	Eric Thomson	SR	Williamette
LB	Jeff Sanger	SR	Central
LB	Luke Gearhard	SR	Pacific Lutheran
LB	Beau LaBore	SR	St. John's
LB	Omar Rimlawi	SR	Buffalo State
DB	Antonio Nash	SO	Susquehanna
DB	Zak Gordon	SR	Coe
DB	Dave Devine	SR	Wartburg
DB	Chris Schwartz	SR	Rensselaer
P	Luke DesJarlasis	SR	Wisconsin-La Crosse

play from Heath Novitzke, the Pointers should be strong again. The line is the strength of the offense, averaging nearly 300 pounds per man. Quarterback Dave Berghuis was thrown into combat last year, and he performed well. Kick returner Chad Valentyne is a game-breaker.

Buffalo State has been to the playoffs in seven of the last eight years, and the Bengals are expected to return with 19 of the starting 22 back. The top three rushers are back, but most eyes will focus on quarterback Chris Henry, who already holds most school passing records, and receiver Derek Baker, who averaged 121 receiving yards per game. The defense will be led by linebacker Omar Rimlawi (123 tackles) and free safety John Williams.

Catholic is expected to be tops in the Old Dominion Conference. The Cardinals have eight starters back on offense, including quarterback Derek McGee, who completed 65 percent of his passes and had 23 TD tosses. Dan Boyle is the top runner while Puri Garzone and Tim McCarthy head the line. James Parker is crucial to the defense.

After three straight perfect regular seasons, **Western Maryland** faces the task of replacing several key performers, including All-Americans at quarterback, linebacker and safety. Seven starters are back on offense, including receiver Teron Powell, who will help Boo Harris adjust as the starting quarterback. Linebacker Aaron Bartolain and tackle Bryan Fogelsonger must be defensive leaders.

Washington & Jefferson has been a consistent winner for more than a decade. The Presidents have the offensive weapons to threaten again. Brian Dawson is back at quarterback and key targets will be tight end Todd Matijevich and split end Dave Armitage. Linebacker Nick Curinga heads the defense.

With more than 500 wins in the program's history, **Albion** wants to return to the nation's elite class after a 6-3 year. The defense, with seven starters back, must carry the load. Safety Dan Deegan and linebackers Nick Loafman and Aaron Lewis are the leaders. Speed will be the key word on offense, with receivers Jared Owens and John Bennink and running back Dan Dreyer all capable of breaking big plays.

Wartburg had its first perfect regular season in 1999, but faces key losses at quarterback and defensive end. The Knights have quality skill players in Tyler Molstre, Justin Beatty, and Tim Flynn. Safety Dave Devine and cornerback Randy Laing are key defensive performers.

Hardin-Simmons moved into the third round of the playoffs last year and could have similar success if the quarterback position is settled early. Receivers Kirk Rogers and Barry Donham will be there to help the new QB, as will running back Tim Pharo. The unit passed for more than 4,000 yards in '99. On defense, linebacker Jared Sanderson (101 tackles) and safety Corbett Boone are being counted on.

Defense will have to shine if **Montclair State** is to return to the playoffs. The defensive line trio of Kevin Kelly, Carlos Bolanor and Jason Toggert present a good front and Mark Hall is a key in the secondary. Quarterback Ed Collins is back on offense, and placekicker Brent Grablachoff is a weapon.

Eighty-nine players are expected to return at **Williamette**. That should help the Bearcats replace several linemen and three defensive backs. Luke Atwood, pressed into duty late, is back at quarterback, but the Bearcats will rely on defense. Eric Thomson is solid at defensive end.

Hanover should be tops in the Heartland Conference as long as injuries don't pile up. Quarterback Eric Bruns threw for 30 TDs and 3,064 yards last year and returns along with top target John Agan (65 catches for 730 yards).

One of the teams to keep a close eye on is **Susquehanna**. The Crusaders feature the talents of Antonio Nash, a defensive back and return specialist, and center Dave Wonderlick. They have 15 of the starting 22 back along with the kicking specialists.

OTHERS TO WATCH

The Ohio Athletic Conference has at least three more teams that warrant national attention in **Baldwin-Wallace**, John Carroll and newcomer Wilmington. In any other league, they could challenge for the league title. The Yellow Jackets have seven defensive

starters back, including tackle Joe Dobies. Quarterback Kenny Leonard also returns. At **John Carroll**, nine starters are back from a 7-3 squad. Placekicker David Vitatoe, split end Larry Holmes and tackle Bryan Fialkowski are quality offensive players. **Wilmington** was a conference champion last year, but will be playing in the OAC for the first time. Seven offensive and 10 defensive starters return.

Thirteen starters are back to power **St. Norbert College**. After its breakthrough season last year that ended in the playoffs, however, three of the top leaders are gone. **Illinois Wesleyan** has one of the top receivers in Shawn Emerson, who is among 15 returning starters from a 6-3 squad. **Alma** was tops in Michigan last year with an 8-2 record, but 14 of the 22 starters are gone.

Rensselaer, after making the school's first playoff appearance, has seven starters back on both sides of the ball, but replacements at quarterback and linebacker will be critical. Defensive back Chris Schwartz led the nation with 12 interceptions.

Wilkes has several key players back from a 7-4 squad, including quarterback Jeff Marshman and defensive leader Demetri Tzovolos. **Millikin** features 19 returning starters from a 7-2 squad, including linebacker Bob Meyer and quarterback Tim Brylka.

Most of the skill players and two key defensive standouts return at the **College of New Jersey** after a disappointing 4-5 season. **Ithaca** will pin its hopes on quarterback Brian Young, who passed for 2,315 yards in 10 games. Guard Adam Grossman is also returning from the 7-4 team. **Muhlenberg** could be a surprise in the Centennial Conference as 18 starters return from a 6-4 season. Any team that has R. J. Bowers in the backfield must be watched, and **Grove City** fits into that category. ■

STREET & SMITH'S 2000 HIGH SCHOOL ALL-AMERICA TEAM

by Doug Huff, Student Sports Inc.

If numbers make sports, the 19th annual *Street & Smith's* High School All-America Team is a winner.

The selected 50 honorees from 24 states feature two runners who rushed for more than 3,200 yards as juniors; three backs who scored 42 or more touchdowns; two quarterbacks who passed for almost 100 touchdowns between them (including one with 3,749 yards); and three pass receivers who gained more than 1,400 yards and 20 or more touchdowns.

Seventeen of the top 50 choices are products of three of the most football-rich states—Texas (six), California (six) and Florida (five). Ohio, Pennsylvania and Illinois have three selections each.

All 50 honorees are high on most college recruiting lists, although three of the selections gave verbal commitments to home-state colleges before completing their junior year. Versatile two-way back **Matt Ware** of Loyola High in Los Angeles will play for UCLA, defensive back **Ernest Shazor** of King High in Detroit is bound for the University of Michigan and 6-foot-5, 340-pound tight end/offensive lineman **Shawn Andrews** of Fairview High in Camden, Arkansas, is headed to the University of Arkansas.

Here's a position-by-position capsule summary of *Street & Smith's* top 50 prospects:

QUARTERBACKS

Adrian McPherson may have his choice of college football or basketball scholarship offers. The Bradenton, Florida, athlete passed for 2,434 yards and 33 TDs in football before averaging 34.7 points a game in basketball season. The two-sport all-star scored 56 and 52 points in two games on the court.

California usually is a prime site for quarterbacks and **Kyle Matter** is the latest West Coast phenom. The straight "A" student led Hart High of Newhall to a 14-0 record and the Southern Section Division III title by passing

for 48 TDs and 3,784 yards last season. Hart ranked 19th in the Fox Fab 50 national poll.

Brodie Croyle is off the charts with his career numbers at Westbrook Christian in Rainbow City, Alabama. He already holds nine state records since he started competing as an eighth-grader. He has completed 524 of 997 passes for 9,274 yards and 105 TDs, including 528 yards in one game. Last season, he passed for 2,838 yards and 35 TDs.

Aaron Alexander of Henrico High in Richmond, Virginia, was named state Class 3A Player of the Year after passing for a state-record 43 TDs. His aeriels gained 3,017 yards.

TOP 10 FRESHMAN CLASSES

1. Florida
2. Tennessee
3. Florida State
4. Texas
5. Alabama
6. Penn State
7. Ohio State
8. Miami
9. Michigan State
10. Nebraska

Joe Mauer and **Ingle Martin** led their unbeaten teams to state titles and national rankings last season. Maurer, also a baseball prospect, passed for 2,506 yards and 32 TDs to spark Cretin-Derham Hall of St. Paul, Minnesota, to a 13-0 record, state Class 5A crown and No. 24 national ranking. Martin amassed 2,235 total yards and 30 TDs to pace Montgomery Bell Academy of Nashville, Tennessee, to a Division II-Class AA state

title and No. 18 Fox Fab 50 spot.

The top college prospect in Illinois could be **Casey Paus** of Lincoln-Way High in New Lenox. He passed for 2,732 yards and 21 TDs last season.

RUNNING BACKS

Cedric Benson has led Robert E. Lee High in Midland, Texas, to two straight state titles and 30 consecutive victories while rushing for more than 5,500 yards. Last season, the national junior and state Player-of-the-Year honoree gained 3,526 yards and scored 51 TDs. In the spring, he's a touted baseball outfielder. Another Texas back who rates high in recruiting stock is **Donta Hickson** of McKinney. He gained 1,552 yards and scored 16 TDs last season.

The top college prospects in Mississippi, Wisconsin, Indiana and Alabama are running backs. **Sylvester Brown** led Central of Madison, Mississippi, to a 15-0 record and state Class 5A title while setting a state 5A record with 2,687 rushing yards and 31 TDs. **Jamaal Butler** of Oak Creek, Wisconsin, averaged 11.3 yards a carry and scored 33 TDs as a junior. **Otis Shannon** of Cathedral High in Indianapolis rushed for 3,252 yards (including 489 in one game) and scored 42 TDs as a junior. **Carnell Williams** anchored a 14-0 Etowah High team of Attalla, Alabama, to a state Class 5A title while averaging 10.1 yards per carry and scoring 38 TDs.

California's top returning backs posted big numbers last season. **Dominique Dorsey**, a three-sport stalwart, scored 42 TDs and gained 2,546 yards for Tulare Union High. **DeAndre Scott** tallied 33 TDs for Alemany High of Mission Hills.

Willie Reid of Warner Robins, Georgia, was the state Class 4A Player of the Year after rushing for 2,098 yards. **Eric Shelton**, a 235-pound speedster, scored 32 TDs and averaged 10.1 yards a carry for Bryan Station High

STREET & SMITH'S TOP 50 HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS OF 2000

QUARTERBACKS	HT.	WT.	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Aaron Alexander	6-3	180	Henrico	Richmond, VA
Brodie Croyle	6-3	200	Westbrook Christian	Rainbow City, AL
Ingle Martin	6-3	205	Montgomery Bell	Nashville, TN
Kyle Matter	6-2	180	Hart	Newhall, CA
Joe Mauer	6-4	210	Cretin-Derham Hall	St. Paul, MN
Adrian McPherson	6-4	185	Southeast	Bradenton, FL
Casey Paus	6-4	205	Lincoln Way	New Lenox, IL

RUNNING BACKS	HT.	WT.	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Cedric Benson	6-1	200	Robert E. Lee	Midland, TX
Sylvester Brown	5-11	210	Central	Madison, MS
Jamaal Butler	5-10	180	Oak Creek	Oak Creek, WI
Dominique Dorsey	5-9	175	Tulare Union	Tulare, CA
Donta Hickson	5-10	185	McKinney	McKinney, TX
Kevin Jones	6-2	200	Cardinal O'Hara	Springfield, PA
Willie Reid	5-10	180	Warner Robins	Warner Robins, GA
DeAndre Scott	5-9	170	Alemany	Mission Hills, CA
Otis Shannon	5-9	185	Cathedral	Indianapolis, IN
Eric Shelton	6-3	235	Bryan Station	Lexington, KY
Carnell Williams	6-1	200	Etowah	Attalla, AL

UTILITY PLAYERS	HT.	WT.	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Bryan Randall	6-2	200	Bruton	Williamsburg, VA
Craphonso Thorpe	6-2	175	Lincoln	Tallahassee, FL
Matt Ware	6-4	195	Loyola	Los Angeles, CA

WIDE RECEIVERS	HT.	WT.	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Angelo Chattams	5-11	180	Chaminade-Julienne	Dayton, OH
Roscoe Crosby	6-3	205	Union	Union, SC
Lynzell Jackson	6-3	175	Tempe	Tempe, AZ
Jerome Janet	6-0	180	Union	Tulsa, OK
Montrell Jones	6-3	190	Male	Louisville, KY

TIGHT ENDS	HT.	WT.	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Shawn Andrews	6-5	340	Fairview	Camden, AR
Mark Levoir	6-7	305	Eden Prairie	Eden Prairie, MN
Marcus Spears	6-5	265	Southern Lab	Baton Rouge, LA

KICKERS	HT.	WT.	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Greg Robertson	5-7	160	Seymour	Seymour, IN

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN	HT.	WT.	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Lorenzo Alexander	6-3	285	St. Mary's	Berkeley, CA
Zachary Giles	6-4	270	Marshfield	Marshfield, MA
Jami Hightower	6-4	290	Jacksonville	Jacksonville, FL
Tyler Reed	6-5	305	Thomas Jefferson	Pittsburgh, PA
Jonathan Scott	6-8	290	Carter	Dallas, TX

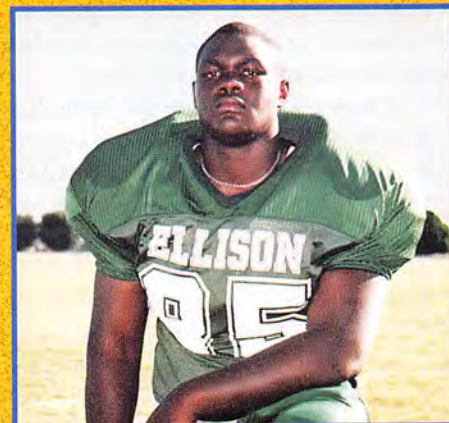
DEFENSIVE LINEMEN	HT.	WT.	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Titus Adams	6-4	275	Creighton Prep	Omaha, NE
Matthias Askew	6-5	270	Dillard	Fort Lauderdale, FL
Shaun Cody	6-5	245	Los Altos	Hacienda Heights, CA
Simon Fraser	6-6	240	Upper Arlington	Columbus, OH
Tommie Harris	6-3	280	Ellison	Killeen, TX
Pat Massey	6-8	240	St. Ignatius	Cleveland, OH
Charles Rush	6-3	290	Cathedral Prep	Erie, PA

LINEBACKERS	HT.	WT.	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Chauncey Davis	6-2	230	Auburndale	Auburndale, FL
Marquis Elmore	6-4	235	Charlton County	Folkston, GA
Derrick Johnson	6-4	205	Waco	Waco, TX
Lionel Williams	6-4	240	Addison Trail	Addison, IL

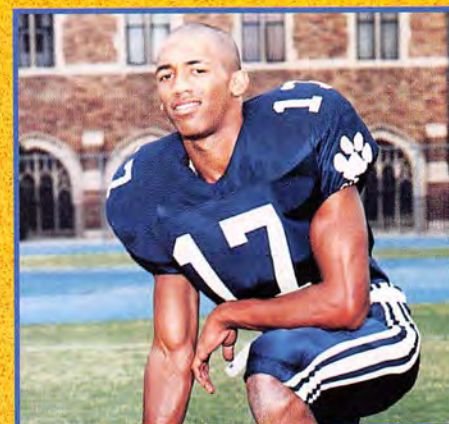
DEFENSIVE BACKS	HT.	WT.	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Brett Bell	6-2	195	Warrenville South	Wheaton, IL
Jerome Carter	6-1	205	Columbia	Lake City, FL
Ernest Shazor	6-4	180	King	Detroit, MI
Reggie Williams	6-4	215	Lakes	Lakewood, WA



JEROME JANET, UNION (OK)



TOMMIE HARRIS, ELLISON (TX)



MATT WARE, LOYOLA (CA)



JEROME CARTER, COLUMBIA (FL)

in Lexington, Kentucky. **Kevin Jones**, like Shelton a track standout, is the top-rated Pennsylvania back with 4,527 career rushing yards and 61 TDs for Cardinal O'Hara in Springfield.

UTILITY PLAYERS

In Virginia, **Bryan Randall** of Bruton High in Williamsburg draws comparisons to past state multi-sport standouts Ronald Curry and Allen Iverson.

But this two-way football all-star and basketball standout did something last season the two former prep quarterbacks didn't—he rushed (1,038 yards) and passed (1,396) for more than 1,000 yards. Randall, who recorded 146 tackles on defense last year, has 4,364 yards of total offense in two seasons.

Craphonso Thorpe helped Lincoln High of Tallahassee, Florida, to a state Class 6A title as a junior wide receiver/defensive back/kick returner, including five kick-return TDs and six pass interceptions.

The UCLA-bound Ware was the California Junior Player of the Year while amassing 1,465 all-purpose yards as a quarterback/wide receiver/defensive back/punt returner. He's also a baseball and track standout.

WIDE RECEIVERS

The top college prospects in South Carolina, Arizona, Oklahoma and Kentucky could be pass-catchers. **Roscoe Crosby**, who landed 80 passes for 1,431 yards and 21 TDs last season at Union (South Carolina) High, also is a top-flight baseball prospect. **Lynzell Jackson** of Tempe (Arizona) High, is a three-sport all-star who caught 50 passes for 1,060 yards and 12 TDs as a junior. **Jerome Janet** is a two-way standout at Union High in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He hauled in 50 passes for 875 yards and 10 TDs for the 13-1 state Class 6A runner-up team and also blocked six kicks on special teams. **Montrell Jones** enters his final season at Male High in Louisville, Kentucky, with 194 receptions for 3,378 yards and 45 TDs after recording his second straight 71-catch season. Last year, he had 1,427 receiving yards to go with 22 TDs.

In Ohio, the top receiver is **Angelo Chatams** of Chaminade-Julienne High in Dayton, who scored 23 TDs and caught 80 passes for 1,486 yards as a junior.

TIGHT ENDS

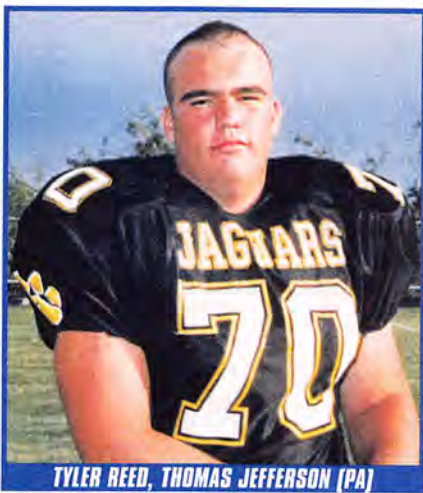
The three honorees average nearly 6-foot-6 and 305 pounds, but two are projected as college offensive linemen because of their blocking skills—the Arkansas-bound Andrews and **Mark Levoir** of Eden Prairie, Minnesota.

Levoir, a three-sport performer, also landed 19 passes for 286 yards and eight TDs as a junior.

Louisiana is loaded with tight end prospects and the most athletic could be **Marcus Spears** of Southern Lab in Baton Rouge. Spears also starred on a 33-2 Class A championship basketball team, averaging 21.5 points and 14.1 rebounds.

KICKERS

Greg Robertson measures only 5-foot-7, 160 pounds, but the Seymour, Indiana, placekicker booted a state-record 61-yard field goal and tied a record with 13 field goals, including six over 50 yards. He also converted 57 of 63 placements and 54 of his 92 kickoffs were touchbacks.



OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Texas is home to two massive blockers ranked among the best in the land—**Jami Hightower** of Jacksonville and **Jonathan Scott** of Carter High in Dallas, a regular producer of college talent.

California and Pennsylvania boast top-flight blockers in **Lorenzo Alexander** of Berkeley (California) St. Mary's and **Tyler Reed** of Pittsburgh Thomas Jefferson.

The top prospect in Massachusetts could be four-year Marshfield standout **Zachary Giles**.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

The seven cited defenders spent a lot of time in opposing-team backfields last season with more than 100 quarterback sacks plus several other tackles for loss.

In California, **Shaun Cody** of Los Altos High in Hacienda Heights was the lone underclassmen on the first-team all-state selections after recording 22 sacks.

Two touted defensive ends from Ohio are attracting widespread recruiting interest—**Pat Massey** of Division I state champion

Cleveland St. Ignatius and **Simon Fraser** of Upper Arlington High in Columbus. Massey, also a basketball standout, earned all-state honors after recording 13 sacks and returning two of three pass interceptions for TDs last season. Fraser had 115 tackles, including 18 sacks among 25 stops behind the line.

Cathedral Prep of Erie could be the team to beat this season in Pennsylvania. It is loaded with senior talent that includes all-stater **Charles Rush**, who set a school sack record as a sophomore.

Texas, Florida and Nebraska are homes to prime-time defenders who earned all-state recognition as juniors. **Tommie Harris** of Ellison High in Killeen, Texas, recorded 139 tackles, including 21 for losses last year. **Matthias Askew** of Dillard High in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, had 10 sacks among his 76 stops. **Titus Adams** of Creighton Prep in Omaha, Nebraska, also had 76 stops with 10 sacks and seven fumble recoveries.

LINEBACKERS

Georgia's No. 1 prospect could be a small-school performer who earned Class A Defensive Player-of-the-Year honors as a junior. **Marquis Elmore** of Charlton County in Folkston, who doubled as a tight end and track star, recorded 100 tackles and three pass interceptions as a junior.

Texas observers point to fleet **Derrick Johnson** of Waco as that state's top defender after charting 150 tackles and second-team all-state honors a year ago. Three-sport Auburndale, Florida, athlete **Chauncey Davis** and **Lionel Williams** of Addison Trail High in Addison, Illinois, are high on several recruiting lists after impressive junior campaigns.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

The Michigan-bound Shazor is considered the top prospect in his state (Michigan), as is **Reggie Williams** of Lakewood (Washington) Lakes High. Shazor, who doubles as a wide receiver, was an all-city defender last year after intercepting five passes and averaging 11 tackles a game. Williams, also a wide receiver and track standout, is versatile enough to play several positions.

Talent scouts know where Warrenville South (Wheaton, Illinois) and Columbia High (Lake City, Florida) are located. They are home to all-state defensive players **Brett Bell** of South and **Jerome Carter** of Columbia. Bell, also a productive kick returner, posted 80 tackles last season. Carter was in on 119 stops with two interceptions on defense and had 943 rushing-receiving yards on offense.

OTHER PREP SENIORS TO WATCH

QUARTERBACKS

	high school	hometown
Joseph Addai	Sharpstown	Houston, TX
Derek Anderson	Scappoose	Scappoose, OR
Dayne Ashley	Jena	Jena, LA
Kendal Briles	Frenship	Wolfforth, TX
Mitch Brown	Skyline	Issaquah, WA
Dan Bruetsch	Southington	Southington, CT
Ron Buskey	Armwood	Seffner, FL
Mike Connor	Strath Haven	Wallingford, PA
Owen Daniels	Central	Naperville, IL
John DiGirolamo	Parsippany Hills	Parsippany, NJ
Josh Fields	Stillwater	Stillwater, OK
Riley Fills-Chapel	Chugiak	Eagle River, AK
Matt Henshaw	Brentwood	Brentwood, TN
Justin Holland	Bear Creek	Lakewood, CO
Will Hunt	Springdale	Springdale, AR
Travis Jackson	South	Olathe, KS
Travis Jones	Hurricane	Hurricane, WV
David Koral	Palisades	Pacific Palisades, CA
Matt Leinart	Mater Dei	Santa Ana, CA
Jason Manson	Bloomfield	Bloomfield, CT
Sean McLaughlin	Millard West	Omaha, NE
Pat McMahon	St. Joseph	Montvale, NJ
Heath Miller	Honaker	Honaker, VA
Marcus Moreno	Northwestern	Hyattsville, MD
Mike Orihil	Central Bucks West	Doylestown, PA
Dan Orlovsky	Shelton	Shelton, CT
Quinton Porter	Portland	Portland, ME
Jeff Powell	Roosevelt	Wyandotte, MI
Brent Rawls	Evangel Christian	Shreveport, LA
James Samuels	Uniondale	Uniondale, NY
John Sciarra	St. Francis	La Canada, CA
Greg Scott	Fairfield Prep	Fairfield, CT
D. J. Shockley	North Clayton	College Park, GA
Kyle Smith	West Babylon	West Babylon, NY
Nick Smith	Parkview	Sterling, VA
Matt Stevenson	Melrose	Memphis, TN
Bennett Swygert	Summerville	Summerville, SC
Paul Troth	Myers Park	Charlotte, NC
Mark Watson	Harding Academy	Harding, AR

RUNNING BACKS

Terris Baldwin	Riverside	Belle, WV
Eric Barley	Bellarmine Prep	Tacoma, WA
Mike Bell	Tolleson	Tolleson, AZ
Matt Bernstein	Edgemont	Edgemont, NY
Reggie Brown	Catholic	Paterson, NJ
Tyson Browning	Oconee County	Watkinsville, GA
Terry Butler	Henninger	Syracuse, NY
Cornell Canidate	Alhambra	Phoenix, AZ
Marshall Chiles	El Reno	El Reno, OK
Justin Colbert	Southwest DeKalb	Decatur, GA
Jabari Davis	Tucker	Tucker, GA
Tavarous Doyle	Clay-Chalkville	Chalkville, AL
Anthony Evans	Pearland	Pearland, TX
Duron Ferguson	Huguenot	Richmond, VA
Michael Franklin	St. Augustine	New Orleans, LA

Terrance Freeneey	Cedar Falls	Cedar Falls, IA
John Gardenhire	Kent	Kentwood, WA
Frank Gore	Coral Gables	Coral Gables, FL
Ryan Grant	Don Bosco Prep	Paterson, NJ
Maurice Hall	Brookhaven	Columbus, OH
Justin Hamilton	Clintwood	Clintwood, VA
Charles Hayden	St. Joseph	Westchester, IL
Earl Haynes	Fairfield	Fairfield, OH
Russ Hines	Clinton	Clinton, OK
Cedrick Houston	Clarendon	Clarendon, AR
DeArrius Howard	West Memphis	West Memphis, AR
Cedric Humes	Princess Anne	Virginia Beach, VA
Noah Ingram	Central	Ruleville, MS
Tony Irions	Southeast	Lincoln, NE
Santee Jackson	Carl Albert	Midwest City, OK
Abe Jones	Rolling Meadows	Rolling Meadows, IL
Brandon Jones	Peru	Peru, IN
Kejuan Jones	Jenks	Jenks, OK
Mack Jones	Hampton	Hampton, VA
Marcus Jones	St. Augustine	St. Augustine, FL
Eric Kimble	Pierce	Tacoma, WA
Kyle Koester	Elder	Cincinnati, OH
Frank Lazio	St. Anthony	Huntington, NY
J. R. Lemon	Sandy Creek	Tyrone, GA
Daryl Lightfoot	Maryvale	Phoenix, AZ
Shannon Lovett	McEachern	Powder Springs, GA
Gary Magee	Reynoldsburg	Reynoldsburg, OH
Reggie Maxwell	Ruston	Ruston, LA
Clifton McKoy	Western Harnett	Lillington, NC
Marion Merrills	Wilde Lake	Columbia, MD
Seth Mitchell	Gwynne Park	Brandywine, MD
Brandon Munson	Albion	Albion, NY
Tim Murphy	Buchtel	Akron, OH
Nanfwan Mutfwang	Northeast	Lincoln, NE
Damien Nash	Riverview Gardens	St. Louis, MO
Darryl Poston	Edison	Huntington Beach, CA
Edwin Rios	Roosevelt	Greenbelt, MD
Lydell Ross	Gaither	Tampa, FL
Shelton Sampson	Redemptorist	Baton Rouge, LA
Matt Schirmer	Holton	Holton, KS
Gainus Scott	LaPorte	LaPorte, TX
Seymore Shaw	Shawnee	Shawnee, OK
Darnell Simms	Aldine	Houston, TX
Matt Tant	Harpeth	Kingston Springs, TN
Antonio Warren	Wynne	Wynne, AR
Jermaine Whiten	Cerritos	Cerritos, CA
Jazzmen Williams	Pittsford	Pittsford, NY
Keldrick Williams	Sidney Lanier	Bessemer, AL
Jimmy Wilson	Christian	Phoenix, AZ
Tyre Young	Woodland Hills	Pittsburgh, PA

UTILITY PLAYERS

Evan Allen	Hart	Newhall, CA
Kelly Baraka	Northern	Portage, MI
C. J. Barkema	Muscatine	Muscatine, IA
DeAndre Belin	Bonita	Laverne, CA
Jamal Branch	Katy	Katy, TX

Dee Brown	Hernando	Brooksville, FL
Vernel Brown	Gainesville	Gainesville, FL
Paul Buck	Taylorville	Taylorville, UT
Landon Cafentzis	Richland	Richland, WA
Carlos Campbell	Hampton	Hampton, VA
Cornelius Carter	Mariner	Everett, WA
Charlie Comerford	Timon-St. Jude	Buffalo, NY
Quan Cosby	Mart	Mart, TX
Ariese Curry	Richland Southeast	Columbia, SC
Osborn Curtis	Nazareth Academy	LaGrange Park, IL
Mike Espy	Central	Madison, MS
Mawase Falama	Northeast	St. Petersburg, FL
Marcus Furman	Connellsville	Connellsville, PA
Brandon Gore	N. Myrtle Beach	N. Myrtle Beach, SC
Kelvin Hayden	Hubbard	Chicago, IL
Akim Hill	Iowa City	Iowa City, IA
Abdul Hodge	Boyd Anderson	Lauderdale Lakes, FL
Lacorus Hodge	Clinton	Clinton, MS
Cecil Howard	McKeesport	McKeesport, PA
Elliott Jacobs	El Dorado	El Dorado, AR
Marcus James	Liberal	Liberal, KS
Mario Johnson	Shrewsbury	Shrewsbury, MA
Rahsan Johnson	Midpark	Middleburg Heights, OH
Matt Jones	Van Buren	Van Buren, AR
Freddie King	Winnfield	Winnfield, LA
Bobby Klinck	Jenks	Jenks, OK
Steve Kolodziej	Schaumburg	Schaumburg, IL
Hynson Lanaux	Hammond	Hammond, LA
Bernard Lay	Aliquippa	Aliquippa, PA
Aaron Leeper	Jamestown	Jamestown, NY
Larry McClain	Forestville	Forestville, MD
Corey McKinney	Deland	Deland, FL
Myron Miller	Statesville	Statesville, NC
J. T. Nickley	Cardinal Spellman	Abington, MA
Urril Parrish	Ridgefield Park	Ridgefield Park, NJ
David Pinckney	Milby	Houston, TX
Rashon Powers-Neal	Cretin-Derham Hall	St. Paul, MN
Mikel Resnik	Oak Ridge	Oak Ridge, TN
Chris Roberson	Harrison	Farmington Hills, MI
Mike Robinson	Varina	Richmond, VA
Antrel Rolle	South Dade	Homestead, FL
Darren Sproles	North	Olathe, KS
D. J. Walton	Hylton	Woodbridge, VA
Mark Wigal	Morgantown	Morgantown, WV
Demetrius Williams	De La Salle	Concord, CA
Zep Williams	Riverview	Sarasota, FL
Tymere Zimmerman	Marlboro County	Bennettsville, SC

WIDE RECEIVERS

Christian Campbell	Westlake	Austin, TX
Darrin Charles	North	Oshkosh, WI
Devon Clark	Marian Catholic	Chicago Heights, IL
Michael Clayton	Christian Life	Baton Rouge, LA
Michael Collins	Commerce	Commerce, GA
Darrell Dowery	Dunbar	Washington, DC
Jameson Evans	Shaker Heights	Shaker Heights, OH

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	high school	hometown						
Mike Evans	Paint Branch	Burtonsville, MD	Russell Bonham	Carver	Winston-Salem, NC	Darwin Yates	Washington	Houston, TX
Larry Fitzgerald	Holy Angels	Richfield, MN	Taylor Bourgens	Brentwood Academy	Brentwood, TN	Terrance Young	Longview	Longview, TX
Charles Frederick	Pope Paul II	Lake Worth, FL	Curtis Bradley	Summerville	Summerville, SC			
Travis Gregg	Boling Springs	Boiling Springs, SC	James Burkhardt	Long Reach	Columbia, MD			
Trandon Harvey	Sweetwater	National City, CA	Davon Clark	Catholic	Paterson, NJ			
Kevin Hazel	DeSales	Columbus, OH	Bob Cleary	Temescal Canyon	Lake Elsinore, CA			
Jeb Huckeba	Harding Academy	Harding, AR	Chris Cobbs	Comanche	Comanche, OK			
Earvin Johnson	Cathedral	Los Angeles, CA	Ben Cronin	Ames	Ames, IA			
Brandon Jones	Eylau	Liberty, TX	Stephen Culp	Lee	Tyler, TX			
Cedric Jones	Putnam West	Oklahoma City, OK	Mike Degory	Palm Bay	Melbourne, FL			
Larry Kendrick	Haines City	Haines City, FL	Vaughn Ewing	Henderson	Troy, AL			
Matt Miller	Mountain View	Mesa, AZ	Mike Garcia	North Shore	Houston, TX			
Mike Nance	Ewing	Trenton, NJ	Travis Garrett	Grafton	Grafton, WV			
Kevin Noel	Central	Naperville, IL	Carlos Harper	Leo	Chicago, IL			
James Norris	Kennedy	Granada Hills, CA	Antjai Hawthorne	Hemden	Hamden, CT			
Thomas Omboga	Grand Prairie	Grand Prairie, TX	Jared Helming	Kickapoo	Springfield, MO			
Jonathan Orr	Ford	Detroit, MI	Leo Henige	Chansaning	Chasaning, MI			
Brian Pickard	Scioto	Dublin, OH	Andrew Henry-Kennon	Lincoln	Tallahassee, FL			
Jaworski Pollock	Southeast	Bradenton, FL	Quentin Holman	Jacksonville	Jacksonville, TX			
Ronnie Prude	Fair Park	Shreveport, LA	Eric Holz	Papillion-LaVista	Papillion, NE			
Corey Roberts	Carthage	Carthage, TX	Avery House	Springville	Springville, AL			
Scott Robinson	Hillsborough	Belle Meade, NJ	Wilbert Howard	Ansonia	Ansonia, CT			
Derick Ross	Harding	Marion, OH	Melvin Jackson	Southridge	Miami, FL			
John Rust	Lake Oswego	Lake Oswego, OR	LaDaryl Kirkwood	South Panola	Batesville, MS			
Dontex Sanders	Chanel	Bedford, OH	Matt Knollman	Lakota West	Lakota, OH			
Oasim Sessions	Elizabeth	Elizabeth, NJ	Blake Larson	Atlantic	Atlantic, IA			
Dominique Stewart	DeMatha	Hyattsville, MD	Kelvin Lee	Spartanburg	Spartanburg, SC			
Robert Strickland	Denby	Detroit, MI	Raheem Lewis	Suitland	Suitland, MD			
Jay Taylor	Lufkin	Lufkin, TX	Aaron Lips	Independence	Independence, LA			
Junior Taylor	Mesa	Mesa, AZ	Craig Lobrano	Varina	Richmond, VA			
Terrance Thomas	Washington	Houston, TX	Grayling Love	Valley	Sacramento, CA			
Cedric Williams	Jefferson	Jefferson, TX	Josh Malloy	Crest	Shelby, NC			
Nick Wilson	Catholic	Knoxville, TN	Sam McClung	Greenbrier East	Lewisburg, WV			

TIGHT ENDS

Colt Allison	Washington	Washington, OK						
John Boutee	Boston	Lake Charles, LA						
Kevin Carberry	St. Rita	Chicago, IL						
Shawn Carlson	Boardman	Boardman, OH						
Brian Dreis	Rockhurst	Kansas City, MO						
Kyle Ealey	St. Joseph	Westchester, IL						
Trai Essex	Harding	Indianapolis, IN						
Patrick Estes	Benedictine	Richmond, VA						
Brandon Faumuma	Beuna	Ventura, CA						
Eric Gill	Belle Vernon	Belle Vernon, PA						
Chuck Hayes	Christian	Modesto, CA						
Jason Hutton	Whitney Young	Chicago, IL						
David Jones	Springbrook	Silver Spring, MD						
Jeff King	Pulaski County	Dublin, VA						
James Moses	North Shore	Houston, TX						
Andrew Richardson	North Hills	Pittsburgh, PA						
Alan Smith	Central Dauphin	Harrisburg, PA						
Scott Smith	Tigard	Tigard, OR						
Isaac Smolko	Springfield	New Middletown, OH						
Tyree Spinner	Pope Paul VI	Fairfax, VA						
Andrew Whitworth	West Monroe	Monroe, LA						

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Collin Barker	Wortham	Wortham, TX						
Alex Bell	Walkill	Walkill, NY						
Robert Bergman	Bakersfield	Bakersfield, CA						

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Craig Akins	Webster	Webster, NY						
Tui Alailefaleula	Bartlett	Anchorage, AK						
Derrick Ames	Marked Tree	Marked Tree, AR						
Michael Ballentine	Belton-Honea Path	Honea Path, SC						
Troy Banner	Penn Hills	Pittsburgh, PA						
Randy Boxill	Santaluces	Lantana, FL						
Derrick Butler	Orangeburg-Wilkinson	Orangeburg, SC						
Jermaine Carlisle	Rockledge	Rockledge, FL						
Luis Castillo	Garfield	Garfield, NJ						
Chauncey Clark	Lakeland	Lakeland, FL						
Tony Davis	Capital	Charleston, WV						
Thomas Derricks	Jesuit	Dallas, TX						
Kelvin Dubouse	Mount View	Welch, WV						
Dan Gaudette	Marshfield	Coos Bay, OR						
George Gause	Conway	Conway, SC						
Bill Gierach	Homestead	Homestead, WI						
NaShan Goddard	Dunbar	Dayton, OH						
David Gutshall	Dorman	Spartanburg, SC						
Clayton Harmon	Stephenville	Stephenville, TX						
Orien Harris	Newark	Newark, DE						
Tony Henry	Western	Walled Lake, MI						
Albert Hernandez	Flowing Wells	Tucson, AZ						
Wally Hess	Mount Carmel	Chicago, IL						
Marquise Hill	De La Salle	New Orleans, LA						
Dusty Hoffscheider	Columbine	Littleton, CO						
Lawrence Hooper	Aldine	Houston, TX						
Jamie Jackson	Andrews	Andrews, TX						
Kaelen Jakes	Valencia	Valencia, CA						
Marques Johnson	Clarke Central	Athens, GA						
Travis Leffew	Boyle County	Danville, KY						
Keith Lipka	Oak Creek	Oak Creek, WI						
Jeff Littlejohn	Gaffney	Gaffney, SC						
Clifton Luckie	Osceola	Osceola, AR						
Luis Lujan	Central	Phoenix, AZ						
Lyle Maiava	St. Louis	Honolulu, HI						
Brandon McKinney	Chaminade-Julienne	Dayton, OH						
Rex McDonald	West	Iowa City, IA						
Derek Marso	Monte Vista	Spring Valley, CA						
Jason Murphy	Edmondson-Westside	Baltimore, MD						
Ryan Neil	Wayne Hills	Wayne, NJ						
O. J. Oshinowo	Neugua Valley	Naperville, IL						
David Pollack	Shiloh	Lithonia, GA						
Pat Ross	St. Xavier	Cincinnati, OH						
Goryal Scales	Carber	Winston-Salem, NC						
Tim Schwab	Pioneer Central	Yorkshire, NY						
Drew Severn	Deer Valley	Glendale, AZ						
Andy Stowers	San Pasqual	Escondido, CA						
Willis Sudduth	Parkview	Lilburn, GA						
Bill Swancutt	Sprague	Salem, OR						
Raymond Tago	Poly	Long Beach, CA						
Robert Taylor	Oak Creek	Oak Creek, WI						
Jeff Thompson	Penn	Mishawaka, IN						
Matt Turner	Kirtland	Kirtland, OH						
Emmit Tyler	North	Terre Haute, IN						
Pierre Woods	Glenville	Cleveland, OH						
Jeff Yanok	Carroll	Radnor, PA						

LINEBACKERS

	high school	hometown
Chad Anderson	McKinley	Canton, OH
Reggie Arden	Ironton	Ironton, OH
Jeff Billings	Rayburn	Pasadena, TX
Jah Blamo	Ben Davis	Indianapolis, IN
Trent Bray	Pullman	Pullman, WA
Anthony Brown	Grandview	Grandview, MO
Julius Burton	Bloomfield	Bloomfield, CT
Justin Crooks	McNeil	McNeil, TX
Ikaika Curnan	St. Louis	Honolulu, HI
Anthony Canty	Troy	Troy, NY
David Coronado	Sunnyside	Tucson, AZ
John DiGiorgio	Eisenhower	Utica, MI
Joe Dipre	Cathedral Prep	Erie, PA
B. J. Dean	Central	Tuscaloosa, AL
Starrett Esworthy	Gilman	Baltimore, MD
Brent Grover	Highlands	Fort Thomas, KY
Jeremy Hamilton	Ruston	Ruston, LA
Kenneth Hollis	Minor	Birmingham, AL
Manese Hopoi	Valley	Sacramento, CA
Andre Hoston	Hillsborough	Tampa, FL
Brandon Hoyte	Sayreville	Sayreville, NJ
Adam Jensen	South	Olathe, KS
Willie Jones	Carol City	Miami, FL
Doug Justice	Spruce Creek	Port Orange, FL
Joe Koren	Joliet Catholic	Joliet, IL
Melvin Massie	Warwick	Newport News, VA
Scott McClintock	Belle Vernon	Belle Vernon, PA
Roger McIntosh	Gaffney	Gaffney, SC
Pat McShane	Joliet Catholic	Joliet, IL
Dane Rajah	Carroll	Washington, DC
Matthew Rice	Roosevelt	Greenbelt, MD
Freddie Roach	Brooks	Killeen, AL
Lamarus Rowell	Opelika	Opelika, AL

Chris Rudiger	LaMirada	LaMirada, CA
Barrett Ruud	Southeast	Lincoln, NE
Marvin Simmons	Poly	Long Beach, CA
Lanfer Simpson	Waynesburg	Waynesburg, PA
Justin Strickland	Caesar Rodney	Camden, DE
Romaro Warren	Arlington	Indianapolis, IN
Otis Washington	Saginaw	Saginaw, MI
Bryan White	Webb	Knoxville, TN
Leon Williams	Canarsie	Brooklyn, NY
Ben Woodward	Cheney	Cheney, WA

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Calvin Armstrong	Columbia	Decatur, GA
Lamar Baker	Aqua Fria	Avondale, AZ
Phil Bland	Fairview	Boulder, CO
David Blanks	Moeller	Cincinnati, OH
Quentin Burrell	Southwest DeKalb	Decatur, GA
Quincy Butler	Roosevelt	San Antonio, TX
Hubert Caliste	Carver	New Orleans, LA
Travis Daniels	South Broward	Hollywood, FL
Cedrick Davenport	Bolingbrook	Bolingbrook, IL
Dustin Fox	Glen Oak	Canton, OH
Cedric Griffin	Holmes	San Antonio, TX
Antwon Guidry	Leigh	San Jose, CA
DeAngelo Hall	Deep Creek	Chesapeake, VA
Rufus Harris	LaPorte	LaPorte, TX
Marlin Jackson	Sharon	Sharon, PA
Byron Jones	Bay City	Bay City, TX
Randy Jones	Richmond County	Rockingham, NC
Fred Lee	Bishop McDevitt	Harrisburg, PA
Willie Lumpkin	Trotwood-Madison	Trotwood, OH
Andre Maddox	Killian	Miami, FL
Matt Maddox	Fitch	Groton, CT
Larry McClain	Forestville	Forestville, MD

Leon Mizelle	Phoebus	Hampton, VA
Chuck Moore	Elk Grove	Elk Grove, IL
Eugene Nottingham	Amityville	Amityville, NY
Dominic Robinson	Diamond Bar	Diamond Bar, CA
Corey Ross	Jefferson	Denver, CO
Avery Shine	Eufaula	Eufaula, OK
Jason Shivers	South Mountain	Phoenix, AZ
Derrick Singleton	Ball	Galveston, TX
Mike Smith	Coolidge	Coolidge, AR
Ray Smith	Lake Central	Schereville, IN
Eddie Vasquez	Mission	Mission, TX
Jovanney Ward	Northwestern	Miami, FL
Anthony Webster	Riverside	Parson, TN
Willie Whitmore	Texarkana	Texarkana, AR
Andreas Williams	Pine Bluff	Pine Bluff, AR
Terrell Williams	Hoover	San Diego, CA

KICKERS

Javier Barrios	Sealy	Sealy, TX
Josh Brown	Urbana	Ijamsville, MD
Anthony Carfagno	Phoenixville	Phoenixville, PA
Jose Duane	Highland	Palmdale, CA
Mike Garciaparra	Bosco Tech	Rosemead, CA
Adam Hodges	Richmond County	Rockingham, NC
Tucker King	Page	Greensboro, NC
Sam Koch	Seward	Seward, NE
Matt Leach	Booker	Sarasota, FL
Travis Mayle	Crestwood	Mantua, OH
David Pino	Rider	Wichita Falls, TX
Joe Rheem	Collegiate	Wichita, KS
Seth Rollin	Jeff Davis	Montgomery, AL
Tyler Wilkey	Jenks	Jenks, OK
Justin Wolf	Masuk	Monroe, CT
Dustin Zorbin	Redondo Beach	Redondo Beach, CA

50 JUNIORS TO WATCH

ARIZONA

Scott Croff, OL, Show Low

ARKANSAS

Chris Baker, WR, Osceola
Rhett Lashlee, QB, Springdale Shiloh Christian
Dedric Poole, RB, Little Rock Central

CALIFORNIA

Lorenzo Booker, RB, Ventura St. Bonaventure
Curtis Brown, RB, Lancaster Paraclete
Hershel Dennis, RB, Long Beach Poly
Chris Frome, OL, Newhall Hart
Matt Gutierrez, QB, Concord De La Salle
Aaron Miller, DB, Fresno Edison

FLORIDA

Cavari Dailey, DB, Plantation
Gavin Dickey, Ath., Tallahassee Lincoln
Don Draper, OL, Deltona Pine Ridge
Ciatrick Fason, RB, Jacksonville Fletcher
D'Qwell Jackson, DB, Seminole

GEORGIA

Darrin Richardson, RB, Valdosta Lowndes County
Nicholas Turner, DB, Atlanta Washington

ILLINOIS

Joe Szczepanik, OL, Bolingbrook

INDIANA

James Banks, QB, Indianapolis Ben Davis

Andrew Burk, OL, Castle

Tommy Keller, DL, Decatur Central

LOUISIANA

Lawrence Darby, DB, Covington
Thaddeus Washington, LB, Marrero Ehret

MICHIGAN

Brandon Vernor, LB, Detroit Pershing

MISSISSIPPI

Ken Topps, QB, Shannon

NEW JERSEY

Terrence Holmes, WR, Glassboro
Andre Sumner, RB, Linden

NEW YORK

Josh Beekman, OL, Amsterdam

NORTH CAROLINA

T. A. McClendon, RB, Albemarle

OHIO

Bryan Andrews, DE, Lima Senior
Bobby Carpenter, LB, Lancaster
Maurice Claret, RB, Warren Harding
George Cooper Jr., TE, Westerville North
Roy Hall, WR, Lyndhurst Brush
Deshaun Wynn, RB, Lockland
Justin Zwick, QB, Orrville

OKLAHOMA

Ronnie Osborne, RB, Piedmont

PENNSYLVANIA

Tyler Palko, QB, Imperial West Allegheny
Chuck Suppon, QB, Dallas
Jawan Walker, RB, Erie Cathedral Prep

SOUTH CAROLINA

Anthony Littlejohn, DL, Gaffney

TENNESSEE

Gerald Riggs Jr., RB, Chattanooga Red Bank

TEXAS

Justin Blaylock, OL, Plano East
L'Tydrick Riley, WR, Crockett
Jess Upson, DB, Altair Rice Consolidated
Eric Winston, TE, Midland Lee

VIRGINIA

Ahmad Brooks, LB, Woodbridge Hylton

WEST VIRGINIA

James Tunstalle, RB, New Richmond Wyoming East

WASHINGTON

Scott Davis, RB, Kennewick Kamiakin

WISCONSIN

Tyler Russ, WR, Medford

25 PREP TEAMS TO WATCH

ETOWAH, Attalla, AL (14-0)

A state Class 5A finalist the last three years and unbeaten champion last season. All-America running back Carnell Williams (6-1, 200 pounds) leads 10 returning starters in a bid to repeat. Williams rushed for 2,620 yards and scored 38 touchdowns as a junior all-stater. He's joined in the backfield by Donnell Horton (5-9, 175), who amassed 1,090 rushing-receiving yards last season.

CENTRAL, Little Rock, AR (10-2)

The Tigers will be on the prowl with the return of several talented skill players, including national Sophomore of the Year Dedric Poole (5-10, 175), who rushed for 2,214 yards and was named the state's offensive Player of the Year with two seasons remaining. Other returning veterans include quarterback Derrick Mason and defensive backs Michael Pleasant and junior Ronald Hendrix.

DE LA SALLE, Concord, CA (12-0)

A possible preseason No. 1 pick, the Crusaders are riding an all-time record 100-game victory streak and have won 134 of their last 135 games. Touted junior quarterback Matt Gutierrez leads six returning offensive starters, including game-breaking receiver Demetrius Williams. Linebacker Kevin Simons and cornerback Jonathan Tucker anchor a solid defensive unit back from last year's fourth-ranked Fox Fab 50 team.

HART, Newall, CA (14-0)

Preseason All-America quarterback Kyle Matter (6-2, 180) returns after passing for 3,784 yards and 48 TDs as the Indians repeated as Southern Section Division III champion. Also back from the nationally ranked Indians are two-way end Evan Allen (6-4, 220), fullback-linebacker Peter Dubsky (6-2, 225) and juniors Chris Frome (6-5, 235), a two-way lineman, and Tim Gregory, a 5-8, 170-pound back.

POLY, Long Beach, CA (13-0-1)

The Jackrabbits are loaded with talent returning from the Southern Section Division Ico-champions. The seniors include defensive end Raymond Tago (6-3, 260), quarterback Markee White (6-5, 200), offensive tackle Peter Manuma (6-5, 255) and touted transfer Marvin Simmons (6-1, 215), a linebacker. Junior stalwarts include running back Hershel Dennis (5-11, 180) and two-way end Mercedes Lewis (6-5, 200).

MULLEN, Denver, CO (11-1)

Twelve regulars will be joined by two touted transfer linemen, Drew Shader (6-5, 280) and Derrick Matson (6-4, 265). The

offense is anchored by running back John Ruff (5-9, 165) and fullback Justin Holmes (5-10, 235). Nose guard Zach Morris (6-3, 250), cornerback Gilbert Gregg (5-9, 155) and linebacker Frankie Lombardi (5-9, 160) are key defensive veterans.

LAKELAND, Lakeland, FL (15-0)

The Dreadnaughts have won their last 46 regular-season games and will be bidding for their third state Class 5A crown in the last five years. Ranked No. 8 nationally in the Fox Fab 50 last season, this Sunshine State juggernaut will be anchored on defense by all-state end Chauncey Clark (6-2, 215).

SOUTHRIDGE, Miami, FL (12-3)

The Spartans are coming off a state Class 6A runner-up finish after appearing in their fourth title game in the last decade. A new coach takes over a veteran-laden squad bolstered by a couple of touted transfers. The Spartan returnees include offensive linemen Melvin Jackson and James Peremenis, plus defensive linemen James Head, Tony Alford and junior Carlos West.

BEN DAVIS, Indianapolis, IN (15-0)

The Giants appear ready to defend their state Class 5A crown with touted junior quarterback and three-sport performer James Banks (6-2, 185) at the throttle. He accounted for 2,529 total offense yards and 32 TDs in 1999. The defense will be anchored by third-season middle linebacker Jah Blamo (6-1, 245), last year's leading tackler.

HIGHLANDS, Fort Thomas, KY (14-1)

The Bluebirds return starters at 16 positions after capturing their third state Class 3A title in the last four years and ranking No. 1 in the Greater Cincinnati area. Linebacker Brent Grover (6-4, 235) leads a defense that includes end Ben Scott (6-4, 240) and back Brett Hamblen (6-0, 185). Quarterback Gino Guidugli (6-4, 215) returns on offense.

EVANGEL CHRISTIAN, Shreveport, LA (15-0)

The defending Fox Fab 50 national champion Eagles haven't lost on the field the last 60 games and will be seeking a fifth consecutive state title and seventh in the last eight years. Converted wide receiver Brent Rawls (6-5, 185) takes over for record-setting, University of Florida-bound Brock Berlin at quarterback.

WEST MONROE, Monroe, LA (13-2)

This state Class 5A powerhouse will be seeking a fifth consecutive championship game appearance after winning three straight titles and placing runner-up last season to

Evangel Christian. Seven returning offensive starters include 6-foot-8, 300-pound tight end Andrew Whitworth. Eight defensive regulars back include linebacker Glenthall Ware (6-1, 220), back Ron McBeth (5-10, 180) and all-state lineman J. R. Hayden (6-2, 195).

ST. LOUIS, Honolulu, HI (15-1)

The Crusaders return 13 starters from last season's winner of the first-ever state title game after capturing 13 consecutive Prep Bowl titles. Six all-state honorees are back, including linebacker Ikaika Curnan (6-0, 220), the state Defensive Player of the Year, defensive linemen Lyle Maiava (6-2, 300) and LaFaele Manupuna (6-2, 240) and defensive back Enoch McKeague (5-8, 180). Running back Pesefea Fiaseu (5-10, 195) anchors the attack.

CENTRAL, Naperville, IL (14-0)

The defending state Class 6A champs return nine defensive regulars and key offensive threats in quarterback Owen Daniels (6-4, 210) and wide receiver Kevin Noel (6-3, 190). The defense will be led by linebackers Ryan Amberson (6-1, 225) and Drew Kocsis (6-2, 220). Offensive line is the prime rebuilding target for a team ranked No. 5 nationally last season in the Fox Fab 50.

CRETIN-DERHAM HALL, St. Paul, MN (13-0)

Fifteen key members, including 10 starters, return from a state Class 5A title team. Leading the way is All-America quarterback Joe Mauer (6-4, 205), who passed for 2,506 yards and 32 TDs last season. Two-way back Rashon Powers-Neal (6-3, 215) and a pair of defensive ends—Brian White (5-11, 195) and Fred Weinke (6-3, 240)—are back.

RICHMOND COUNTY, Rockingham, NC (13-1)

A state-record 44-game winning streak ended last season, but 52 lettermen, including seven defensive starters and five on offense, return for the Raiders. Four senior college prospects include offensive lineman Joe Parsons (6-4, 275), placekicker Adam Hodges (5-10, 173), safety Randy Jones (5-11, 175) and defensive end Renaldo Moses (6-6, 210).

ST. IGNATIUS, Cleveland, OH (13-2)

The defending state Division I champions will be seeking their ninth crown in the last 12 years. Leading the charge for the Wildcats will be All-America defensive end Pat Massey (6-8, 240), plus running mate Bill Meholif (6-3, 240), tight end Rory Hennessey (6-4, 245), linebacker/kicker Miro Kesic (6-2, 205), defensive back Jon Gannon (6-0, 175) and quarterback Bryan Panteck (6-2, 175).

JENKS, Jenks, OK (13-1)

The Trojans return 59 lettermen, including nine defensive and seven offensive starters, from a team that won a state-record fourth straight Class 6A crown. Running backs Bobby Klinck (5-10, 175) and Kejuan Jones (5-9, 195) anchor the offense. Linebacker Jay Henry (6-1, 195) and end Brandon Lohr (6-0, 220) key the defense. Kicker/punter Tyler Wilkey also is a weapon.

CATHEDRAL PREP, Erie, PA (13-1)

Thirteen starters (eight defense, five offense) return from last year's Class 4A runner-up team. Leading the way are All-America defensive lineman Charles Rush (6-3, 290) and linebacker Joe Dipre (6-5, 240). Converted wide receiver Ed Hinkel (6-2, 180) will be the quarterback. Two three-year starters are cornerbacks Josh Lustig (5-9, 165) and Jason Easter (5-8, 170).

GAFFNEY, Gaffney, SC (12-2)

Sixteen regulars (eight offense and eight defense) return from this state semifinalist, including the Littlejohn brothers—senior Jeff (6-3, 280), a two-way tackle, and junior

Anthony (6-1, 290), a nose guard/fullback. Linebacker/tight end Roger McIntosh (6-3, 215), a touted hurdler in track, also is highly recruited.

MADISON CENTRAL, Madison, MS (15-0)

The Jaguars return three all-staters from their state Class 5A title team, including record-setting rusher Sylvester Brown (5-11, 210), who gained 2,687 yards and scored 31 TDs last season. Other touted returnees include offensive tackle Chris Spencer (6-4, 310) and kick returner Mike Espy (6-0, 175).

HACKENSACK, Hackensack, NJ (10-2)

The Comets return several members of last season's Group 4, Section 1 title club and appear ready to make a run at statewide honors. Anchoring the line is all-stater Karon Singleton (6-1, 275).

MONTGOMERY BELL ACADEMY, Nashville, TN (12-0)

Preseason All-America quarterback Ingle Martin (6-3, 205) headlines several key returnees from the defending state Division II-AA champions that ranked No. 18 in the Fox Fab 50. Other veterans on hand include

linebacker/fullback Moses Mosigro (6-0, 210), linebacker B. J. Billups (6-2, 230) and safety/wide receiver Dominique Morris.

ROBERT E. LEE, Midland, TX (15-0)

The Rebels extended their winning streak to 30 games last season with a repeat state Class 5A-Division I title. Leading the squad again this season will be the National Junior of the Year, All-America running back Cedric Benson (6-1, 200), who rushed for 3,526 yards and scored 51 TDs last season. Other veterans on hand from a team that ranked No. 1 and No. 2 in the two major national rankings last year include defensive lineman Fred Thwreat, defensive back London Little and touted junior tight end Eric Winston (6-5, 245).

VARINA, Richmond, VA (13-1)

Five all-state honorees are among 17 starters back from a team that has been state Group AAA-Division 6 runner-up the last two years. A four-year regular is quarterback/safety Michael Robinson (6-3, 210). Offensive lineman Craig Lobrano (6-4, 300) and defensive stalwarts Brian Baker (5-11, 285) and junior Jonathan Lewis (6-3, 275) are trench standouts.

TOP COLLEGE FRESHMEN

QUARTERBACKS

hometown	college
Brock Berlin	Shreveport, LA
Jason Campbell	Taylorville, MS
Casey Clausen	Mission Hills, CA
Chance Mock	The Woodlands, TX
Craig Ochs	Boulder, CO
John Rattay	Phoenix, AZ
Chris Rix	Rancho, CA
Jeff Smoker	Manheim, PA
Zac Wasserman	Westlake Village, CA
	Florida
	Auburn
	Tennessee
	Texas
	Colorado
	Tennessee
	Florida State
	Michigan State
	Penn State

RUNNING BACKS / DEFENSIVE BACKS

Derick Arnold	Houston, TX	Arizona State
Corey Bailey	Hialeah, FL	Florida
Yohance Buchanan	Atlanta, GA	Florida State
Shyrone Carey	Marrero, LA	Tennessee
Tyrell Dortch	Hoboken, NJ	Michigan State
Vontez Duff	Copperas Cove, TX	Notre Dame
Ben Emanuel	Friendswood, TX	UCLA
Diamond Ferri	Everett, MA	Syracuse
Justin Green	San Diego, CA	San Diego State
Willie Green	Kissimmee, FL	Florida
Matt Grootegoed	Santa Ana, CA	USC
Albert Hollis	Sacramento, CA	Georgia
Marcus Houston	Denver, CO	Colorado
Harold James	Osceola, AR	Alabama
Richard Johnson	Randallstown, MD	Virginia Tech
Tony Johnson	State College, PA	Penn State
Greg Jones	Beaufort, SC	Florida State
Jermelle Lewis	Bloomfield, CT	Iowa
Sam Maldonado	Harrison, NY	Ohio State
Adrian Mayes	Houston, TX	Nebraska
Bryant McFadden	Hollywood, FL	Florida State
Willis McGahee	Miami, FL	Miami
Tre Orr	Lake City, FL	Florida
O. J. Owens	New London, NC	Tennessee
Dustin Picciotti	Doylestown, PA	Pittsburgh
Lawrence Richardson	Galveston, TX	Arkansas

Dominique Sims	Minneapolis, MN	Minnesota
Larry Stevens	Tacoma, WA	Michigan
Tyson Thompson	Irving, TX	TCU
Manuel White	Valencia, CA	UCLA
Michael Williams	Lakewood, CA	Arizona State

RECEIVERS

Willie Dixon	Stockton, CA	Alabama
Brock Edwards	Fort Worth, TX	Texas
Alex Holmes	North Hollywood, CA	USC
B. J. Johnson	Grand Prairie, TX	Texas
Teyo Johnson	San Diego, CA	Stanford
Eric Knott	Detroit, MI	Michigan State
Sean McHugh	Chagrin Falls, OH	Penn State
Johnnie Morant	Parsippany, NJ	Syracuse
Tab Perry	Milpitas, CA	UCLA
Charles Rogers	Saginaw, MI	Michigan State
Chris Septak	Omaha, NE	Nebraska
Terrell Suggs	Chandler, AZ	Arizona State
Sloan Thomas	Klein, TX	Texas
Reggie Vickers	Belle Glade, FL	Florida
Roy Williams	Odessa, TX	Texas

INTERIOR LINEMEN

Alex Barron	Orangeburg, SC	Florida State
Chris Boggas	Irving, TX	Kansas State
Anthony Bryant	Sunshine, AL	Alabama
Antonio Hall	Canton, OH	Kentucky
Kwame Harris	Newark, DE	Stanford
Justin Hinds	Piscataway, NJ	Boston College
Carlos Joseph	Miami, FL	Miami
Stevie Lee	Shreveport, LA	Texas
Nick Marmo	New Castle, PA	Penn State
Joe McGuire	Anaheim, CA	USC
Chris McKelvey	Landsdale, PA	Penn State
Albert Means	Memphis, TN	Alabama
Paul Mociler	Bellflower, CA	UCLA
Michael Munoz	Cincinnati, OH	Tennessee

Erik Noll	Gaithersburg, MD	Penn State
Greg Pauly	Waukesha, WI	Notre Dame
Jeremy Phillips	Watkinsville, GA	Georgia Tech
Sean Poole	Flint, MI	Michigan State
Jason Respect	Warner Robins, GA	Tennessee
Wes Sims	Weatherford, OK	Oklahoma
Shannon Snell	Tampa, FL	Florida
Mac Tyler	Bessemer, AL	Alabama
Vince Wilfork	Lantana, FL	Miami
Steve Williams	Bolingbrook, IL	Indiana
Sean Young	Dalton, GA	Tennessee

LINEBACKERS / DEFENSIVE ENDS

Michael Boulware	Columbia, SC	Florida State
Marco Cooper	Detroit, MI	Ohio State
Adam Doiron	Duncan, OK	Texas
Mike Goolsby	Joliet, IL	Notre Dame
Amon Gordon	San Diego, CA	Stanford
Hobie Holiday	Warner Robins, GA	Georgia Tech
Tim Johnson	Delbarton, NJ	Penn State
Travis Johnson	Sherman Oaks, CA	Florida State
Darius Jones	Beloit, WI	Wisconsin
Darrell Lee	St. Louis, MO	Florida
Raymond Mann	Hampton, VA	Virginia
Chad Mascoc	Kissimmee, FL	Florida State
Eric Moore	Pahokee, FL	Florida State
Karlton Neal	Chicago, IL	Tennessee
Antwan Odom	Bayou La Batre, AL	Alabama
Jason Peters	Queen City, TX	Arkansas
Jason Richenberger	Liberty, MO	Nebraska
Sam Ruhe	Stow, OH	Penn State
Will Smith	Utica, NY	Ohio State
Alphonso Townsend	Lima, OH	Ohio State
D. J. Williams	Concord, CA	Miami

KICKERS

Chris Klume	Los Alamitos, CA	UCLA
Philip Yost	Auburn, AL	Auburn

2000 Television Schedule

Saturday, August 26

Pigskin Classic: BYU vs. Florida State	8:00 PM	(ABC)
Eddie Robinson Classic: Kansas St. vs. Iowa	2:00 PM	(FSN)

Sunday, August 27

Kickoff Classic: Penn State vs. USC	2:30 PM	(ABC)
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Saturday, September 2

Tulane at Ole Miss*	12:30 PM	(JP)
Alabama at UCLA*	3:30 PM	(ABC)
BYU at Virginia*	3:30 PM	(ABC)
Conference USA Game	3:30 PM	(FSN)
Big 12 Game	7:00 PM	(FSN)
Pac-10 Game	10:15 PM	(FSN)
Texas A&M at Notre Dame	TBA	(NBC)

Monday, September 4

Conference USA Game	4:30 PM	(FSN)
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Saturday, September 9

Boston College at Army	Noon	(FSN)
SEC Game*	12:30 PM	(JP)
Conference USA Game	3:00 PM	(FSN)
Miami at Washington*	3:30 PM	(ABC)
Missouri at Clemson*	3:30 PM	(ABC)
Oregon at Wisconsin*	3:30 PM	(ABC)
Florida State at Georgia Tech*	8:00 PM	(ABC)
Colorado at USC*	8:00 PM	(ABC)
Ohio State at Arizona	10:15 PM	(FSN)
Nebraska at Notre Dame	TBA	(NBC)

Saturday, September 16

LSU at Auburn or		
Ole Miss at Vanderbilt*	12:30 PM	(JP)
Florida vs. Tennessee*	3:30 PM	(CBS)
Penn State vs. Pittsburgh*	3:30 PM	(CBS)
Michigan at UCLA*	3:30 PM	(ABC)
Washington at Colorado*	3:30 PM	(ABC)
North Carolina at Florida State*	3:30 PM	(ABC)
Big 12 Game	7:00 PM	(FSN)
Pac-10 Game	10:15 PM	(FSN)
Northwestern at TCU	TBA	(FSN)
Purdue at Notre Dame	TBA	(NBC)

Saturday, September 23

Mississippi St. at South Carolina or		
Kentucky at Florida*	12:30 PM	(JP)
SEC Game*	3:30 PM	(CBS)
Miami vs. West Virginia*	3:30 PM	(CBS)
Pac-10 Game	3:30 PM	(FSN)
Big 12 Game	7:00 PM	(FSN)
California at Fresno State	10:15 PM	(FSN)

Saturday, September 30

TCU at Navy	Noon	(FSN)
ACC Game*	Noon	(JP)
SEC Game*	12:30 PM	(JP)
SEC Game*	3:30 PM	(CBS)
Big East Game*	3:30 PM	(CBS)
Conference USA Game	3:30 PM	(FSN)
Air Force at UNLV	4:00 PM	(ABC)
Big 12 Game	7:00 PM	(FSN)
Pac-10 Game	10:15 PM	(FSN)

Thursday, October 5

Fresno State at Rice	7:00 PM	(FSN)
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Saturday, October 7

ACC Game*	Noon	(JP)
SEC Game*	12:30 PM	(JP)
Florida State vs. Miami	Noon	(CBS)
SEC Game	3:30 PM	(CBS)
Conference USA Game	3:30 PM	(FSN)
San Diego State at Wyoming*	7:00 PM	(ABC)

Big 12 Game	7:00 PM	(FSN)
Oregon State at Washington	10:15 PM	(FSN)
Stanford at Notre Dame	TBA	(NBC)

Saturday, October 14

Conference USA Game	Noon	(FSN)
ACC Game*	Noon	(JP)
SEC Game*	12:30 PM	(JP)
Notre Dame vs. Navy	Noon	(CBS)
SEC Game*	3:30 PM	(CBS)
Big East Game*	3:30 PM	(CBS)
Indiana at Michigan*	3:30 PM	(ABC)
Conference USA Game	3:30 PM	(FSN)
Big 12 Game	7:00 PM	(FSN)
Pac-10 Game	10:15 PM	(FSN)

Thursday, October 19

East Carolina at Louisville	6:30 PM	(FSN)
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Saturday, October 21

Tulane at Army	Noon	(FSN)
ACC Game*	Noon	(JP)
SEC Game*	12:30 PM	(JP)
Big East Game	Noon	(CBS)
SEC Game	3:30 PM	(CBS)
USC at Stanford*	3:30 PM	(ABC)
Big 12 Game	7:00 PM	(FSN)
Pac-10 Game	10:15 PM	(FSN)

Saturday, October 28

ACC Game*	Noon	(JP)
SEC Game*	12:30 PM	(JP)
SEC Game	3:30 PM	(CBS)
UCLA at Arizona	4:00 PM	(ABC)
Big 12 Game	7:00 PM	(FSN)
Pac-10 Game	10:15 PM	(FSN)
Air Force at Notre Dame	TBA	(NBC)

Saturday, November 4

Conference USA Game	Noon	(FSN)
ACC Game*	Noon	(JP)
SEC Game*	12:30 PM	(JP)
Virginia Tech vs. Miami	Noon	(CBS)
SEC Game	3:30 PM	(CBS)
Conference USA Game	3:30 PM	(FSN)
Big 12 Game	7:00 PM	(FSN)
Pac-10 Game	10:15 PM	(FSN)

Saturday, November 11

Conference USA Game	Noon	(FSN)
ACC Game*	Noon	(JP)
SEC Game*	12:30 PM	(JP)
SEC Game	3:30 PM	(CBS)
WAC Game	3:30 PM	(FSN)
UCLA at Washington*	4:00 PM	(ABC)
Big 12 Game	7:00 PM	(FSN)
Pac-10 Game	10:15 PM	(FSN)
Boston College at Notre Dame	TBA	(NBC)

Saturday, November 18

Michigan at Ohio State	Noon	(ABC)
ACC Game*	Noon	(JP)
SEC Game*	12:30 PM	(JP)
Notre Dame vs. Rutgers*	3:30 PM	(CBS)
Alabama vs. Auburn or		
Kentucky vs. Tennessee*	3:30 PM	(CBS)
Regional Matchups*	3:30 PM	(ABC)
Pac-10 Game	6:30 PM	(FSN)
Florida at Florida State	8:00 PM	(ABC)

Friday, November 24

Colorado at Nebraska	Noon	(ABC)
Conference USA Game	1:30 PM	(FSN)
LSU vs. Arkansas	2:30 PM	(CBS)
Texas at Texas A&M	3:30 PM	(ABC)
WAC Game	5:00 PM	(FSN)
Arizona State at Arizona	8:30 PM	(FSN)

Saturday, November 25

The Bayou Classic		
Grambling vs. Southern	TBA	(NBC)
SEC Game	Noon	(CBS)
LSU at Arkansas or		
Tennessee at Vanderbilt*	12:30 PM	(JP)
Oklahoma at Oklahoma State	3:30 PM	(FSN)
Notre Dame at USC	3:30 PM	(ABC)
Virginia vs. Virginia Tech	TBA	(CBS)
Boston College at Miami	TBA	(CBS)

Saturday, December 2

Army vs. Navy	Noon	(CBS)
MAC Championship	1:00 PM	(ABC)
Big 12 Championship	4:30 PM	(ABC)
SEC Championship	8:00 PM	(ABC)

Wednesday, December 20

Mobile Alabama Bowl	8:00 PM	(ESPN2)
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Thursday, December 21

Las Vegas Bowl	8:00 PM	(ESPN2)
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Sunday, December 24

Oahu Bowl	8:30 PM	(ESPN)
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Monday, December 25

Aloha Bowl	3:30 PM	(ABC)
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Wednesday, December 27

Motor City Bowl	4:00 PM	(ESPN)
Galleryfurniture.com Bowl	8:00 PM	(ESPN2)

Thursday, December 28

Humanitarian Bowl	1:30 PM	(ESPN2)
MicronPC.com Bowl	7:00 PM	(TBS)
Insight.com Bowl	7:30 PM	(ESPN)

Friday, December 29

Sun Bowl	1:30 PM	(CBS)
Music City Bowl	2:00 PM	(ESPN)
Liberty Bowl	3:30 PM	(ESPN)
Holiday Bowl	8:30 PM	(ESPN)

Saturday, December 30

Peach Bowl	5:00 PM	(ESPN)
Alamo Bowl	8:00 PM	(ESPN)

Sunday, December 31

Silicon Valley Classic	7:00 PM	(FOX)
Independence Bowl	8:00 PM	(ESPN)

Monday, January 1

Outback Bowl	11:00 PM	(ESPN)
Cotton Bowl	11:00 PM	(FOX)
Gator Bowl	12:30 PM	(NBC)
Florida Citrus Bowl	1:00 PM	(ABC)
Rose Bowl	4:30 PM	(ABC)
Fiesta Bowl	8:30 PM	(ABC)

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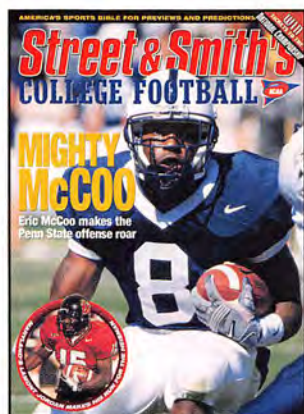
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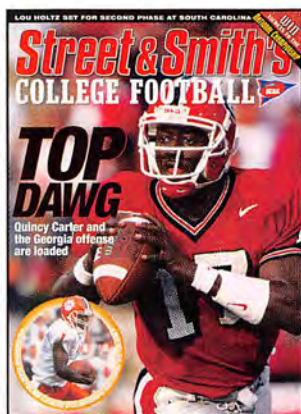
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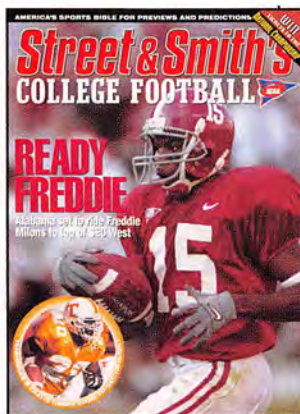
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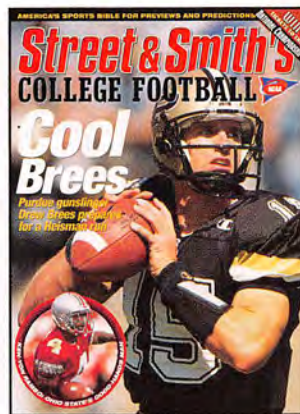
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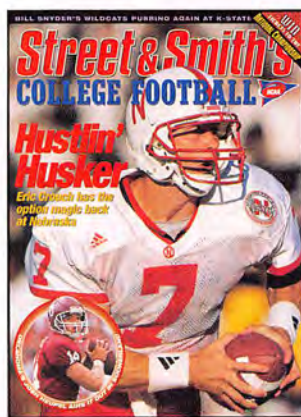
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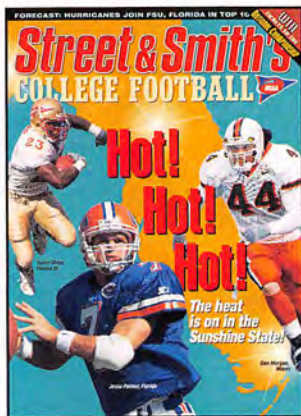
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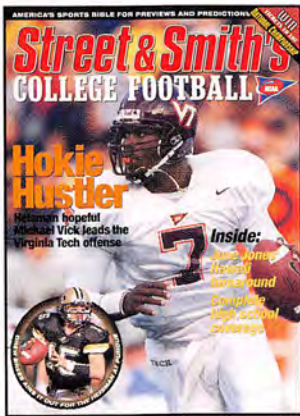
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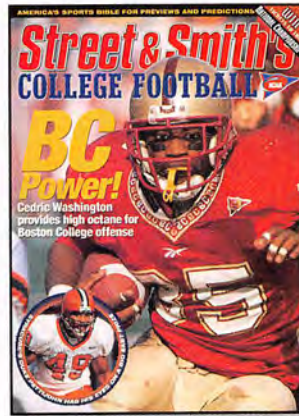
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S. 16	Central Florida*	41-28
S. 23	@OHIO	23-32
S. 30	Miami (OH)*	55-25
O. 7	@BOWLING GREEN	41-0
O. 14	Northern Illinois*	35-13
O. 21	Connecticut*	24-16
O. 28	Marshall*	17-10
N. 11	Buffalo*	37-34
N. 18	@KENT	

Coach: Lee Owens **Colors:** Blue & Gold
Nickname: Zips **1999 Record:** 7-4

Alabama Tuscaloosa, AL

S. 2	@UCLA	
S. 9	Vanderbilt	28-17
S. 16	Southern Mississippi	35-14
S. 23	@ARKANSAS*	35-28
S. 30	South Carolina	
O. 14	Mississippi	30-24
O. 21	@TENNESSEE	7-21
O. 28	Central Florida	
N. 4	@LSU	23-17
N. 11	@MISSISSIPPI STATE	19-7
N. 18	Auburn	28-17

Coach: Mike Dabose **Colors:** Crimson & White
Nickname: Crimson Tide **1999 Record:** 10-2

Alabama A&M Normal, AL

S. 2	Troy State*	
S. 9	Henderson State*	
S. 16	Grambling*	31-36
S. 23	@PRAIRIE VIEW*	27-3
S. 30	Mississippi Valley	26-19
O. 7	Southern University*	12-29
O. 14	@MORRIS BROWN	
O. 28	@ALABAMA STATE	15-10
N. 4	@JACKSON STATE	18-28
N. 11	Alcorn State	35-26
N. 18	@ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF	17-23

Coach: Ron Cooper **Colors:** Maroon & White
Nickname: Bulldogs **1999 Record:** 6-5

Alabama State Montgomery, AL

S. 2	@TENNESSEE STATE*	8-41
S. 9	@ALCORN STATE	27-38
S. 16	@TROY STATE*	20-27
S. 23	Arkansas-Pine Bluff*	21-35
S. 30	@SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY*	13-36
O. 7	Jackson State	17-44
O. 14	@PRAIRIE VIEW	42-27
O. 28	Alabama A&M	10-15
N. 4	@GRAMBLING	13-36
N. 11	Mississippi Valley	35-27
N. 23	Tuskegee	34-37

Coach: L.C. Cole **Colors:** Black & Old Gold
Nickname: Hornets **1999 Record:** 2-9

Albany Albany, NY

S. 9	@NORTHEASTERN	
S. 16	@ROWAN	37-38
S. 23	Wagner	37-21
S. 30	@STONY BROOK	44-21
O. 7	St. Francis (PA)	55-17
O. 14	@ST. JOHN'S (NY)	
O. 21	@SACRED HEART	41-0
O. 28	Central Connecticut State*	35-13
N. 4	Monmouth (NJ)	24-16
N. 11	@ROBERT MORRIS	20-30
N. 18	@HOFSTRA	

Coach: Bob Ford **Colors:** Purple & Gold
Nickname: Great Danes **1999 Record:** 7-2

Alcorn State Lorman, MS

S. 2	@GRAMBLING*	25-41
S. 9	Alabama State	38-27
S. 16	Fort Valley State	
S. 23	McNeese State	
S. 30	Arkansas-Pine Bluff (at St. Louis)	17-33
O. 7	@PRAIRIE VIEW*	61-0
O. 14	Texas Southern	21-23
O. 21	Southern University	6-28
N. 4	@MISSISSIPPI VALLEY	26-30
N. 11	@ALABAMA A&M	26-35
N. 18	@JACKSON STATE	6-58

Coach: Johnny Thomas **Colors:** Purple & Gold
Nickname: Braves **1999 Record:** 3-7

Appalachian State Boone, NC

A. 31	@WAKE FOREST	
S. 9	Troy State*	
S. 23	Citadel	51-0
S. 30	@EAST TENNESSEE STATE	23-19
O. 7	Furman	21-35
O. 14	@GEORGIA SOUTHERN	17-16
O. 21	Wofford	21-20
O. 28	@CHATTANOOGA	62-14
N. 4	Virginia Military	34-7
N. 11	@WESTERN CAROLINA	34-10
N. 18	Liberty	28-12

Coach: Jerry Moore **Colors:** Black & Gold
Nickname: Mountaineers **1999 Record:** 9-3

Arizona Tucson, AZ

S. 2	@UTAH	
S. 9	Ohio State	
S. 16	San Diego State	
S. 30	@STANFORD	22-50
O. 7	@SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	31-24
O. 14	Washington State	30-24
O. 21	@OREGON	41-44
O. 28	UCLA	33-7
N. 4	@WASHINGTON	25-33
N. 11	Oregon State*	20-28
N. 25	Arizona State	27-42

Coach: Dick Torney **Colors:** Cardinal & Navy
Nickname: Wildcats **1999 Record:** 6-6

Arizona State Tempe, AZ

A. 31	@SAN DIEGO STATE	
S. 16	Colorado State*	
S. 23	Utah State*	
S. 30	@UCLA	28-27
O. 7	California	23-24
O. 14	Washington	28-7
O. 21	@WASHINGTON STATE	33-21
O. 28	Oregon	17-20
N. 4	Southern California	26-16
N. 11	@STANFORD	30-50
N. 25	@ARIZONA	42-27

Coach: Bruce Snyder **Colors:** Maroon & Gold
Nickname: Sun Devils **1999 Record:** 6-5

Arkansas Fayetteville, AR

S. 2	Southwest Missouri State*	
S. 16	Boise State*	
S. 23	Alabama*	28-35
S. 30	Georgia*	
O. 7	Louisiana-Monroe*	44-6
O. 14	@SOUTH CAROLINA	48-14
O. 28	@AUBURN	34-10
N. 4	Mississippi	16-38
N. 11	@TENNESSEE	28-24
N. 18	@MISSISSIPPI STATE	14-9
N. 25	LSU	10-35

Coach: Houston Nutt **Colors:** Cardinal & White
Nickname: Razorbacks **1999 Record:** 7-4

Arkansas State State University, AR

S. 2	@NORTH CAROLINA STATE*	
S. 9	@OKLAHOMA*	
S. 16	Memphis*	26-31
S. 23	@TEXAS CHRISTIAN*	21-24
S. 30	Richmond*	
O. 7	@MISSISSIPPI	14-38
O. 14	@IDAHO*	24-30 (OT)
O. 21	New Mexico State	
O. 28	@UTAH STATE	14-20
N. 4	Boise State	10-63
N. 11	North Texas	14-10

Coach: Joe Hollis **Colors:** Scarlet & Black
Nickname: Indians **1999 Record:** 4-7

Arkansas-Pine Bluff Pine Bluff, AR

S. 2	@MISSISSIPPI VALLEY*	13-9
S. 9	Southern* (at Laramie, WY)	9-17
S. 23	@ALABAMA STATE*	35-21
S. 30	@ALCORN STATE (at St. Louis)	33-17
O. 7	@TEXAS SOUTHERN*	7-20
O. 14	@GRAMBLING*	19-24
O. 21	Kentucky State*	
O. 28	Jackson State*	0-41
N. 4	Prairie View	30-6
N. 11	Lane	44-28
N. 18	Alabama A&M	23-17

Coach: Lee Hardman **Colors:** Black & Gold
Nickname: Golden Lions **1999 Record:** 6-5

Army West Point, NY

S. 2	@CINCINNATI	
S. 9	Boston College	
S. 16	@HOUSTON*	14-26
S. 23	Memphis	10-14
O. 7	@NEW MEXICO STATE*	35-18
O. 14	@EAST CAROLINA	14-33
O. 21	Tulane	28-48
N. 4	Air Force	0-28
N. 11	@LOUISVILLE	59-52 (OT)
N. 18	UAB	
D. 2	@NAVY (at Baltimore)	9-19

Coach: Todd Berry **Colors:** Black, Gold & Gray
Nickname: Cadets **1999 Record:** 3-8

Auburn Auburn, AL

A. 31	Wyoming*	
S. 9	@MISSISSIPPI*	17-24 (OT)
S. 16	LSU*	41-7
S. 23	Northern Illinois*	
S. 30	Vanderbilt	
O. 7	@MISSISSIPPI STATE	16-18
O. 14	@FLORIDA	14-32
O. 21	Louisiana Tech	
O. 28	Arkansas	10-34
N. 11	Georgia	38-21
N. 18	@ALABAMA	17-28

Coach: Tommy Tuberville **Colors:** Orange & Blue
Nickname: Tigers **1999 Record:** 5-6

Austin Peay Clarksville, TN

S. 2	@CUMBERLAND	27-22
S. 9	Catawba*	
S. 23	@VALPARAISO	23-52
S. 30	@JACKSONVILLE	21-28 (OT)
O. 7	Dayton*	21-49
O. 14	Charleston Southern	17-39
O. 21	@KENTUCKY WESLEYAN	38-28
O. 28	Morehead State	7-47
N. 4	Virginia-Wise	28-34
N. 11	Davidson	22-38
N. 18	@SOUTH FLORIDA	

Coach: Bill Schmitz **Colors:** Red & White
Nickname: Governors **1999 Record:** 3-8

Ball State Muncie, IN

S. 2	@FLORIDA*	
S. 9	Western Illinois	
S. 16	@KANSAS STATE*	
S. 30	Northern Illinois	17-37
O. 7	@MIAMI (OH)	
O. 14	Eastern Michigan	21-31
O. 21	@BUFFALO	
O. 28	@CENTRAL MICHIGAN	21-27
N. 4	Western Michigan	0-28
N. 11	@TOLEDO	10-23
N. 18	Connecticut	

Coach: Bill Lynch **Colors:** Cardinal & White
Nickname: Cardinals **1999 Record:** 0-11

Baylor Waco, TX

A. 31	@NORTH TEXAS*	23-10
S. 16	Minnesota	
S. 23	South Florida*	
S. 30	Iowa State*	
O. 7	@TEXAS TECH	7-35
O. 14	Texas A&M	13-45
O. 21	@NEBRASKA	
O. 28	@TEXAS	0-62
N. 4	Oklahoma	10-41
N. 11	Missouri	
N. 18	@OKLAHOMA STATE	14-34

Coach: Kevin Steele **Colors:** Green & Gold
Nickname: Bears **1999 Record:** 1-10

Bethune-Cookman Daytona Beach, FL	
S. 2 @SAVANNAH ST. (at Jacksonville)	17-14
S. 9 Norfolk State	26-6
S. 16 Johnson C. Smith	26-6
S. 23 @MORRIS BROWN	28-16
S. 30 @MORGAN STATE (at Baltimore)	28-25
O. 7 Delaware State	29-43
O. 14 South Carolina State	30-27 (OT)
O. 28 @NORTH CAROLINA A&T	18-19
N. 4 @HAMPTON	34-27 (OT)
N. 11 @HOWARD	27-31
N. 18 Florida A&M (at Orlando)	14-63

Coach: Alvin Wyatt **Colors:** Maroon & Gold
Nickname: Wildcats **1999 Record:** 7-4

Boise State Boise, ID	
S. 2 @NEW MEXICO*	20-9
S. 9 Northern Iowa*	
S. 16 @ARKANSAS*	
S. 23 @CENTRAL MICHIGAN	
O. 7 @WASHINGTON STATE	
O. 14 Eastern Washington	41-7
O. 21 North Texas	10-17
O. 28 @NEW MEXICO STATE*	45-26
N. 4 @ARKANSAS STATE	63-10
N. 11 Utah State	33-27
N. 18 Idaho	45-14

Coach: Dirk Koetter **Colors:** Blue & Orange
Nickname: Broncos **1999 Record:** 9-3

Boston College Chestnut Hill, MA	
S. 2 @WEST VIRGINIA	34-17
S. 9 @ARMY	
S. 23 Navy	14-10
S. 30 Virginia Tech	14-38
O. 7 Connecticut	
O. 14 Syracuse	24-23
O. 21 @PITTSBURGH	20-16
O. 28 Rutgers	27-7
N. 4 Temple	14-24
N. 11 @NOTRE DAME	31-29
N. 25 @MIAMI (FL)	28-31

Coach: Tom O'Brien **Colors:** Maroon & Gold
Nickname: Eagles **1999 Record:** 8-3

Bowling Green Bowling Green, OH	
S. 2 @MICHIGAN	
S. 9 Pittsburgh	10-30
S. 16 @TEMPLE	
S. 23 @BUFFALO	
S. 30 @KENT	27-41
O. 7 Akron	25-55
O. 14 @MIAMI (OH)	31-45
O. 21 Eastern Michigan	
N. 4 Marshall	16-35
N. 11 Ohio	14-17
N. 22 @TOLEDO	34-23

Coach: Gary Blackney **Colors:** Brown & Orange
Nickname: Falcons **1999 Record:** 5-6

Brigham Young Provo, UT	
A. 26 Florida State* (at Jacksonville)	
S. 2 @VIRGINIA	40-45
S. 9 @AIR FORCE	27-20
S. 14 Mississippi State	
S. 23 UNLV	29-0
S. 30 @SYRACUSE	
O. 6 Utah State*	34-31 (OT)
O. 21 San Diego State	30-7
O. 26 Wyoming	17-31
N. 2 @COLORADO STATE	34-13
N. 18 New Mexico	31-7
N. 24 @UTAH	17-20

Coach: LaVell Edwards **Colors:** Blue & White
Nickname: Cougars **1999 Record:** 8-3

Brown Providence, RI	
S. 16 San Diego	
S. 23 Harvard	17-10
S. 30 @RHODE ISLAND	27-25
O. 7 @FORDHAM	37-18
O. 14 @PRINCETON	53-30
O. 21 Cornell	28-33
O. 28 @PENNSYLVANIA	44-37
N. 4 Yale	25-24
N. 11 @DARTMOUTH	35-28
N. 18 Columbia	23-6

Coach: Phil Estes **Colors:** Brown, Red & White
Nickname: Bears **1999 Record:** 9-1

Bucknell Lewisburg, PA	
S. 2 @RICHMOND*	
S. 16 Cornell	
S. 23 Columbia	7-10
S. 30 Duquesne	49-20
O. 7 @GEORGETOWN	
O. 14 Lafayette	21-22
O. 21 @LEHIGH	27-48
O. 28 Fordham	45-15
N. 4 @HOLY CROSS	32-21
N. 11 @TOWSON	20-27
N. 18 Colgate	21-16

Coach: Tom Gadd **Colors:** Blue & Orange
Nickname: Bison **1999 Record:** 7-4

Buffalo Buffalo, NY	
S. 2 @SYRACUSE	
S. 9 @RUTGERS	
S. 16 Connecticut*	0-23
S. 23 Bowling Green	
S. 30 @MARSHALL*	3-59
O. 7 @OHIO	6-45
O. 21 Ball State	
O. 28 @NORTHERN ILLINOIS	21-45
N. 4 Kent	20-41
N. 11 @AKRON*	10-17
N. 18 Miami (OH)	0-43

Coach: Craig Cirbus **Colors:** Royal Blue & White
Nickname: Bulls **1999 Record:** 0-11

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, CA	
S. 9 @SACRAMENTO STATE*	26-31
S. 16 @MONTANA	14-28
S. 23 @MONTANA STATE	40-37
S. 30 @SOUTHERN UTAH*	38-10
O. 7 St. Mary's (CA)*	24-21
O. 14 Western New Mexico*	
O. 21 California-Davis*	24-31
O. 28 Holstra	3-38
N. 4 Northern Iowa	21-42
N. 11 @CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE	
N. 18 Youngstown State	7-10

Coach: Larry Welsh **Colors:** Green & Gold
Nickname: Mustangs **1999 Record:** 3-8

Cal State Northridge Northridge, CA	
S. 2 @AIR FORCE	
S. 9 @SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE*	
S. 16 Northern Arizona	10-30
S. 30 Idaho State	41-27
O. 5 @WEBER STATE*	30-28
O. 14 Montana	27-48
O. 21 @MONTANA STATE	24-21
O. 28 Eastern Washington	41-48
N. 4 @SACRAMENTO STATE*	36-14
N. 11 Cal Poly	
N. 18 @PORTLAND STATE*	21-34

Coach: Jeff Kearin **Colors:** Red, White & Black
Nickname: Matadors **1999 Record:** 5-6

California Berkeley, CA	
S. 9 Utah	
S. 16 @ILLINOIS	
S. 23 @FRESNO STATE	7-31
S. 30 Washington State	24-23
O. 7 @ARIZONA STATE	24-23
O. 14 UCLA	17-0
O. 21 @WASHINGTON	27-31
O. 28 @SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	17-7
N. 4 Oregon State	7-17
N. 11 @OREGON	19-24
N. 18 Stanford	13-31

Coach: Tom Holmoe **Colors:** Blue & Gold
Nickname: Golden Bears **1999 Record:** 4-7

Canisius Buffalo, NY	
S. 9 @IONA	12-34
S. 16 St. Peter's	22-33
S. 23 @GANNON	
O. 7 La Salle	6-19
O. 14 @ROCHESTER	26-14
O. 21 Siena	6-38
O. 28 @MARIST	7-49
N. 4 @ALFRED	16-23
N. 11 @FAIRFIELD	20-59
N. 18 Duquesne	12-68

Coach: Edward Argast **Colors:** Blue & Gold
Nickname: Golden Griffins **1999 Record:** 1-10

Central Connecticut State New Britain, CT	
S. 16 @SACRED HEART	37-12
S. 23 @MONMOUTH (NJ)	28-21
O. 7 @SAN DIEGO	
O. 14 Wagner	16-35
O. 21 @ROBERT MORRIS	24-27
O. 28 @ALBANY (NY)*	13-35
N. 4 St. Francis (PA)	35-13
N. 11 Stony Brook	14-27

Coach: Sal Cintorino **Colors:** Blue & White
Nickname: Blue Devils **1999 Record:** 4-6

Central Florida Orlando, FL	
S. 2 @GEORGIA TECH*	10-41
S. 9 Northwestern State*	
S. 16 @AKRON*	
S. 23 William & Mary*	
S. 30 @EASTERN MICHIGAN	31-6
O. 7 @NORTHERN ILLINOIS	
O. 14 Eastern Kentucky*	
O. 21 Louisiana-Monroe	
O. 28 @ALABAMA	
N. 4 @LOUISIANA TECH*	35-46
N. 11 Virginia Tech*	

Coach: Mike Kruzcek **Colors:** Gold & Black
Nickname: Golden Knights **1999 Record:** 4-7

Central Michigan Mount Pleasant, MI	
S. 2 @PURDUE	16-58
S. 9 Akron	
S. 16 @WYOMING	
S. 23 Boise State	
S. 30 @TOLEDO*	13-32
O. 7 Kent	
O. 21 @OHIO	
O. 28 Ball State	27-21
N. 4 @EASTERN MICHIGAN	29-26
N. 11 Western Michigan	16-38
N. 18 @NORTHERN ILLINOIS	27-31

Coach: Mike DeBord **Colors:** Maroon & Gold
Nickname: Chippewas **1999 Record:** 4-7

Charleston Southern Charleston, SC	
S. 9 @PRESBYTERIAN	14-40
S. 16 West Virginia State	
S. 23 Wofford	13-35
S. 30 Jacksonville State	
O. 7 Jacksonville	37-17
O. 14 @AUSTIN PEAY	39-17
O. 21 @VIRGINIA MILITARY	
O. 28 Elon	13-38
N. 4 @SAMFORD	
N. 11 @LIBERTY	14-34
N. 18 @EAST TENNESSEE STATE	

Coach: David Dowd **Colors:** Blue & Gold
Nickname: Buccaneers **1999 Record:** 4-6

Chattanooga Chattanooga, TN	
A. 31 Samford*	29-27
S. 7 @UAB*	
S. 16 Mississippi Valley	
S. 23 Georgia Southern	10-49
S. 30 @WOFFORD	34-41
O. 14 Virginia Military	27-0
O. 21 @WESTERN CAROLINA	56-28
O. 28 Appalachian State	14-62
N. 4 @CITADEL	30-27 (OT)
N. 11 East Tennessee State	14-28
N. 18 @FURMAN	35-40

Coach: Buddy Green **Colors:** Navy Blue & Gold
Nickname: Mocs **1999 Record:** 5-6

Cincinnati Cincinnati, OH	
S. 2 Army	
S. 9 Syracuse	
S. 16 @WISCONSIN	17-12
S. 23 @INDIANA	
S. 30 @TULANE	
O. 7 Houston	20-23
O. 14 @LOUISVILLE	13-23
O. 28 Miami (OH)	52-42
N. 4 UAB	21-24 (OT)
N. 11 @MEMPHIS	13-21
N. 18 Southern Mississippi	20-28

Coach: Rick Minter **Colors:** Red & Black
Nickname: Bearcats **1999 Record:** 3-8

Citadel Charleston, SC	
S. 2 @CLEMSON*	
S. 9 @DELAWARE*	16-26
S. 16 Western Carolina*	17-24
S. 23 @APPALACHIAN STATE	0-51
S. 30 South Carolina State	20-14
O. 7 East Tennessee State	10-28
O. 14 @FURMAN	17-31
O. 21 Georgia Southern	17-34
O. 28 @WOFFORD	16-47
N. 4 Chattanooga	27-30 (OT)
N. 11 @VIRGINIA MILITARY	7-6

Coach: Don Powers **Colors:** Blue & White
Nickname: Bulldogs **1999 Record:** 2-9

Clemson Clemson, SC	
S. 2 Citadel*	
S. 9 Missouri	
S. 16 Wake Forest	12-3
S. 23 @VIRGINIA	33-14
S. 30 @DUKE	58-7
O. 7 North Carolina State	31-35
O. 14 Maryland	42-30
O. 21 @NORTH CAROLINA	31-20
O. 28 Georgia Tech	42-45
N. 4 @FLORIDA STATE	14-17
N. 18 South Carolina	31-21

Coach: Tommy Bowden **Colors:** Purple & Orange
Nickname: Tigers **1999 Record:** 6-5

Colgate Hamilton, NY	
S. 9 @CONNECTICUT*	
S. 16 @DARTMOUTH	35-3
S. 23 Fordham	49-24
S. 30 @TOWSON	38-14
O. 7 Princeton	
O. 14 @CORNELL	55-16
O. 21 St. Mary's (CA)	43-13
O. 28 Lafayette	56-14
N. 4 @LEHIGH	28-24
N. 11 Holy Cross	45-26
N. 18 @BUCKNELL	16-21

Coach: Dick Biddle **Colors:** Maroon & White
Nickname: Red Raiders **1999 Record:** 10-2

Colorado Boulder, CO	
S. 2 @COLORADO STATE (at Denver)	14-41
S. 9 @SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	
S. 16 Washington	24-31
S. 30 Kansas State	14-20
O. 7 @TEXAS A&M	
O. 14 Texas	
O. 21 @KANSAS	51-17
O. 28 Oklahoma State	
N. 4 @MISSOURI	46-39 (OT)
N. 11 Iowa State	16-12
N. 24 @NEBRASKA	30-33 (OT)

Coach: Gary Barnett **Colors:** Silver, Gold & Black
Nickname: Buffaloes **1999 Record:** 6-5

Colorado State Fort Collins, CO	
S. 2 Colorado (at Denver)	41-14
S. 9 East Tennessee State	
S. 16 @ARIZONA STATE*	
S. 30 @NEVADA	38-33
O. 7 New Mexico	36-22
O. 14 UNLV	35-17
O. 21 @UTAH	31-24
O. 28 @SAN DIEGO STATE	10-17
N. 2 Brigham Young	13-34
N. 11 @AIR FORCE	41-21
N. 16 Wyoming	24-13

Coach: Sonny Lubick **Colors:** Green & Gold
Nickname: Rams **1999 Record:** 8-3

Columbia New York, NY	
S. 16 Fordham	
S. 23 @BUCKNELL	10-7
S. 30 Princeton	15-44
O. 7 Lafayette	
O. 14 @PENNSYLVANIA	17-41
O. 21 Dartmouth	21-14
O. 28 @YALE	29-41
N. 4 @HARVARD	7-24
N. 11 Cornell	29-31
N. 18 @BROWN	6-23

Coach: Ray Tellier **Colors:** Columbia Blue & White
Nickname: Lions **1999 Record:** 3-7

Connecticut Storrs, CT

S. 2	@EASTERN MICHIGAN*	
S. 9	Colgate*	
S. 16	@BUFFALO*	23-0
S. 23	Northeastern	29-24
S. 30	@LOUISVILLE	
O. 7	@BOSTON COLLEGE	
O. 21	@AKRON*	
O. 28	South Florida	
N. 4	Middle Tennessee State	
N. 11	Rhode Island	20-9
N. 18	@BALL STATE	

Coach: Randy Edsall **Colors:** Flag Blue & White
Nickname: Huskies **1999 Record:** 4-7

Cornell Ithaca, NY

S. 16	@BUCKNELL	
S. 23	Yale	20-37
S. 30	@LEHIGH	
O. 7	@HARVARD	24-23
O. 14	Colgate	16-55
O. 21	@BROWN	33-28
O. 28	Princeton	20-3
N. 4	Dartmouth	17-20
N. 11	@COLUMBIA	31-29
N. 18	Pennsylvania	20-12

Coach: Peter Mangurian **Colors:** Red & White
Nickname: Big Red **1999 Record:** 7-3

Dartmouth Hanover, NH

S. 16	Colgate	3-35
S. 23	@NEW HAMPSHIRE	
S. 30	@PENNSYLVANIA	6-17
O. 7	Yale	3-44
O. 14	Holy Cross	
O. 21	@COLUMBIA	14-21
O. 28	Harvard	21-63
N. 4	@CORNELL	20-17
N. 11	Brown	28-35
N. 18	@PRINCETON	19-18

Coach: John Lyons **Colors:** Green & White
Nickname: Big Green **1999 Record:** 2-8

Davidson Davidson, NC

S. 9	Jacksonville	15-20
S. 16	@UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH	21-0
S. 23	Emory & Henry	13-17
S. 30	@GUILFORD	28-21
O. 7	Morehead State	0-40
O. 14	@SAN DIEGO*	
O. 21	Randolph-Macon	24-16
O. 28	@HAMPDEN-SYDNEY	31-12
N. 4	Centre	24-14
N. 11	@AUSTIN PEAY	38-22
N. 18	Georgetown	28-27

Coach: Joe Susan **Colors:** Red & Black
Nickname: Wildcats **1999 Record:** 8-3

Dayton Dayton, OH

A. 31	Tiffin*	
S. 9	Ohio Northern*	
S. 16	@YALE	
S. 23	Morehead State*	39-50
S. 30	@BUTLER	42-7
O. 7	@AUSTIN PEAY*	49-21
O. 14	Robert Morris	7-34
O. 21	Drake	20-14
O. 28	St. Joseph's (IN)	35-6
N. 4	@VALPARAISO	34-10
N. 11	@SAN DIEGO*	41-0

Coach: Mike Kelly **Colors:** Red & Blue
Nickname: Flyers **1999 Record:** 6-4

Delaware Newmark, DE

S. 2	@RHODE ISLAND	35-0
S. 9	Citadel*	26-16
S. 16	@HOFSTRA*	
S. 23	West Chester	29-10
S. 30	Northeastern	37-34 (OT)
O. 7	@RICHMOND	41-33
O. 14	@WILLIAM & MARY	34-27 (OT)
O. 28	James Madison	7-21
N. 4	New Hampshire	14-10
N. 11	@MASSACHUSETTS	19-26
N. 18	Villanova	45-51 (OT)

Coach: Tubby Raymond **Colors:** Blue & Gold
Nickname: Blue Hens **1999 Record:** 7-4

Delaware State Dover, DE

S. 2	Florida A&M	19-48
S. 9	@ELON	28-51
S. 16	Fayetteville State	
S. 23	Liberty	
S. 30	Hampton	0-21
O. 7	@BETHUNE-COOKMAN	43-29
O. 21	@MORGAN STATE	34-20
O. 28	South Carolina State	14-34
N. 4	North Carolina A&T	13-24
N. 11	@NORFOLK STATE	26-6
N. 18	@HOWARD	42-25

Coach: Benjamin Blacknall **Colors:** Blue & Red
Nickname: Hornets **1999 Record:** 4-7

Drake Des Moines, IA

S. 2	McKendree	
S. 9	@ST. AMBROSE*	47-3
S. 16	@WISCONSIN-STEVENS POINT	17-28
S. 30	San Diego	41-20
O. 7	Valparaiso	17-27
O. 14	@SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	
O. 21	@DAYTON	14-20
O. 28	Butler	53-6
N. 4	Jacksonville	34-14
N. 11	@ST. MARY'S (CA)	38-7
N. 18	Towson	

Coach: Rob Ash **Colors:** Blue & White
Nickname: Bulldogs **1999 Record:** 7-4

Duke Durham, NC

S. 2	East Carolina	9-27
S. 9	@NORTHWESTERN	12-15 (OT)
S. 16	Virginia	24-17 (OT)
S. 23	@VANDERBILT	14-31
S. 30	Clemson	7-58
O. 14	@FLORIDA STATE	23-51
O. 21	@GEORGIA TECH	31-38
O. 28	Maryland	25-22
N. 4	@WAKE FOREST	48-35
N. 11	@NORTH CAROLINA STATE	24-31 (OT)
N. 18	North Carolina	0-38

Coach: Carl Franks **Colors:** Royal Blue & White
Nickname: Blue Devils **1999 Record:** 3-8

Duquesne Pittsburgh, PA

S. 2	@VIRGINIA MILITARY	
S. 9	@LA SALLE	32-3
S. 16	Fairfield	21-34
S. 23	Marist	31-0
S. 30	@BUCKNELL	20-49
O. 14	Georgetown	33-21
O. 21	Iona	50-62
O. 28	@ST. PETER'S	51-6
N. 4	@SIENA	49-17
N. 11	Lafayette	28-17
N. 18	@CANISUS	68-12

Coach: Greg Gattuso **Colors:** Red & Blue
Nickname: Dukes **1999 Record:** 8-3

East Carolina Greenville, NC

S. 2	@DUKE	27-9
S. 9	Virginia Tech*	
S. 16	Tulane	52-7
S. 23	Syracuse	
O. 7	@MEMPHIS*	
O. 14	Army	33-14
O. 19	@LOUISVILLE*	
O. 28	UAB	17-36
N. 11	Houston	19-3
N. 18	@WEST VIRGINIA	30-23
N. 25	@SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	22-39

Coach: Steve Logan **Colors:** Purple & Gold
Nickname: Pirates **1999 Record:** 9-2

East Tennessee State Johnson City, TN

S. 2	@LIBERTY*	24-12
S. 9	@COLORADO STATE	
S. 16	Virginia Military	26-17
S. 23	@WESTERN CAROLINA	38-10
S. 30	Appalachian State	19-23
O. 7	@CITADEL	28-10
O. 21	Furman	21-48
O. 28	@GEORGIA SOUTHERN	6-55
N. 4	Wofford	14-38
N. 11	@CHATTANOOGA	28-14
N. 18	Charleston Southern	

Coach: Paul Hamilton **Colors:** Navy Blue & Gold
Nickname: Buccaneers **1999 Record:** 6-5

Eastern Illinois Charleston, IL

A. 31	@INDIANA STATE*	
S. 9	Kentucky Wesleyan*	
S. 16	@TOLEDO*	
S. 23	@TENNESSEE-MARTIN	42-21
O. 7	Tennessee State	25-43
O. 14	Murray State	32-37
O. 21	@TENNESSEE TECH	7-14
O. 28	@WESTERN KENTUCKY	15-38
N. 4	Southwest Missouri State	38-45
N. 11	@ILLINOIS STATE*	17-24
N. 18	Eastern Kentucky	20-14

Coach: Bob Spoo **Colors:** Blue & Gray
Nickname: Panthers **1999 Record:** 2-10

Eastern Kentucky Richmond, KY

A. 31	Glenville State*	
S. 9	@INDIANA STATE*	31-24
S. 23	Tennessee Tech*	23-20 (OT)
S. 30	Southwest Missouri State*	37-28
O. 7	@WESTERN KENTUCKY	30-10
O. 14	@CENTRAL FLORIDA*	
O. 21	@TENNESSEE-MARTIN	54-7
O. 28	Tennessee State	28-33
N. 4	Murray State	30-45
N. 11	Kentucky State	27-21
N. 18	@EASTERN ILLINOIS	14-20

Coach: Roy Kidd **Colors:** Maroon & White
Nickname: Colonels **1999 Record:** 7-4

Eastern Michigan Ypsilanti, MI

S. 2	Connecticut*	
S. 9	Miami (OH)	14-35
S. 16	@SOUTH CAROLINA	
S. 23	@TEMPLE	
S. 30	Central Florida	6-31
O. 7	Toledo	20-13
O. 14	@BALL STATE	31-21
O. 21	@BOWLING GREEN	
N. 4	Central Michigan	26-29
N. 11	Northern Illinois	23-30
N. 18	@WESTERN MICHIGAN	37-40 (OT)

Coach: Jeff Woodruff **Colors:** Green & White
Nickname: Eagles **1999 Record:** 4-7

Eastern Washington Cheney, WA

S. 2	@OREGON STATE	
S. 9	Western Oregon*	
S. 16	Idaho State*	45-38
S. 23	@WEBER STATE*	30-27
S. 30	Montana*	7-25
O. 7	@MONTANA STATE	45-23
O. 14	@BOISE STATE	7-41
O. 21	Sacramento State	26-21
O. 28	@CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE	48-41
N. 4	Northern Arizona	14-10
N. 11	@PORTLAND STATE*	39-48

Coach: Paul Wulff **Colors:** Red & White
Nickname: Eagles **1999 Record:** 7-4

Elon Elon College, NC

S. 2	@FURMAN*	24-22
S. 9	Delaware State	51-28
S. 16	Western Kentucky	
S. 23	@NORTH CAROLINA A&T*	40-7
S. 30	New Haven	20-16
O. 7	Gardner-Webb	
O. 14	Samford	34-31 (OT)
O. 21	@HOFSTRA	9-21
O. 28	@CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	38-13
N. 4	Liberty	38-14
N. 11	@GEORGIA SOUTHERN	

Coach: Al Seagraves **Colors:** Maroon & Gold
Nickname: Phoenix **1999 Record:** 9-2

Fairfield Fairfield, CT

S. 9	@FORDHAM	
S. 16	@DUQUESNE	34-21
S. 30	Iona	42-6
O. 7	@SIENA	27-0
O. 14	St. Peter's	45-18
O. 28	Georgetown	14-21
N. 4	@MARIST	57-7
N. 11	Canisius	59-20
N. 18	@LA SALLE	42-0
N. 24	@JACKSONVILLE*	(at Orlando)

Coach: Kevin Kiesel **Colors:** Scarlet & White
Nickname: Slugs **1999 Record:** 9-2

Florida Gainesville, FL

S. 2	Ball State*	
S. 9	Middle Tennessee State*	
S. 16	@TENNESSEE	23-21
S. 23	Kentucky	38-10
S. 30	@MISSISSIPPI STATE	
O. 7	LSU	31-10
O. 14	Auburn	32-14
O. 28	Georgia (at Jacksonville)	30-14
N. 4	@VANDERBILT	13-6
N. 11	South Carolina	20-3
N. 18	@FLORIDA STATE	23-30

Coach: Steve Spurrier **Colors:** Orange & Blue
Nickname: Gators **1999 Record:** 9-3

Florida A&M Tallahassee, FL

S. 2	@DELAWARE STATE	48-19
S. 9	Morgan State	66-10
S. 16	South Carolina St. (at Jacksonville)	76-17
S. 23	@TENNESSEE ST. (at Atlanta)	25-42
S. 30	Howard	40-34 (OT)
O. 7	Grambling* (at Indianapolis)	
O. 14	North Carolina A&T	15-30
O. 21	@NORFOLK STATE	56-7
O. 28	Hampton	41-6
N. 4	@SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY*	65-18
N. 18	@BETH-COOKMAN (at Orlando)	63-14

Coach: Billy Joe **Colors:** Orange & Green
Nickname: Rattlers **1999 Record:** 10-4

Florida State Tallahassee, FL

A. 26	@BRIGHAM YOUNG* (at Jacksonville)	
S. 9	@GEORGIA TECH	41-35
S. 16	North Carolina	42-10
S. 23	Louisville	
S. 28	@MARYLAND*	49-10
O. 7	@MIAMI (FL)	31-21
O. 14	Duke	51-23
O. 21	Virginia	35-10
O. 28	@NORTH CAROLINA STATE	42-11
N. 4	Clemson	17-14
N. 11	@WAKE FOREST	33-10
N. 18	Florida	30-23

Coach: Bobby Bowden **Colors:** Garnet & Gold
Nickname: Seminoles **1999 Record:** 11-0

Fordham Bronx, NY

S. 2	Towson	23-25
S. 9	Fairfield	
S. 16	@COLUMBIA	
S. 23	@COLGATE	24-49
S. 30	@GEORGETOWN	
O. 7	Brown	18-37
O. 14	Yale	
O. 28	@BUCKNELL	15-45
N. 4	Lafayette	7-27
N. 11	@LEHIGH	7-49
N. 18	@HOLY CROSS	14-37

Coach: Dave Clawson **Colors:** Maroon & White
Nickname: Rams **1999 Record:** 0-11

Fresno State Fresno, CA

S. 2	@OHIO STATE	
S. 9	@UCLA	21-35
S. 23	California	
O. 7	@RICE	47-18
O. 14	Nevada*	49-24
O. 21	@UTEP*	24-23 (OT)
O. 28	Tulsa	28-14
N. 4	Hawaii	24-31 (OT)
N. 11	@TEXAS CHRISTIAN	26-19 (OT)
N. 18	Southern Methodist*	14-24
N. 25	@SAN JOSE STATE	63-12

Coach: Pat Hill **Colors:** Cardinal & Blue
Nickname: Bulldogs **1999 Record:** 8-4

Furman Greenville, SC

S. 2	Elon*	22-24
S. 9	Newberry*	
S. 16	William & Mary*	52-6
S. 23	@VIRGINIA MILITARY	58-0
S. 30	Western Carolina	27-19
O. 7	@APPALACHIAN STATE	35-21
O. 14	Citadel	31-17
O. 21	@EAST TENNESSEE STATE	48-21
O. 28	Georgia Southern	38-41
N. 4	@WOFFORD	30-3
N. 18	Chattanooga	40-35

Coach: Bobby Johnson **Colors:** Purple & White
Nickname: Paladins **1999 Record:** 9-3

Georgetown Washington, DC

S. 9	Holy Cross	34-16
S. 16	@WAGNER	
S. 30	Fordham	
O. 7	Bucknell	
O. 14	@DUQUESNE	21-33
O. 21	Marist	41-40 (OT)
O. 28	@FAIRFIELD	21-14
N. 4	Iona	28-0
N. 11	St. Peter's	14-3
N. 18	@DAVIDSON	27-28

Coach: Bob Benson **Colors:** Blue & Gray
Nickname: Hoyas **1999 Record:** 9-2

Georgia Athens, GA

S. 2	Georgia Southern*	
S. 9	@SOUTH CAROLINA	24-9
S. 23	New Mexico State	
S. 30	@ARKANSAS*	
O. 7	Tennessee	20-37
O. 14	Vanderbilt	27-17
O. 21	@KENTUCKY	49-34
O. 28	@FLORIDA (at Jacksonville)	14-30
N. 11	@AUBURN	21-38
N. 18	Mississippi	20-17
N. 25	Georgia Tech	48-51 (OT)

Coach: Jim Donnan **Colors:** Red & Black
Nickname: Bulldogs **1999 Record:** 7-4

Georgia Southern Statesboro, GA

S. 2	@GEORGIA*	
S. 9	Johnson Smith	
S. 16	Wofford	55-14
S. 23	@CHATTANOOGA	49-10
S. 30	Virginia Military	62-0
O. 7	@WESTERN CAROLINA	70-7
O. 14	Appalachian State	16-17
O. 21	@CITADEL	34-17
O. 28	East Tennessee State	55-6
N. 4	@FURMAN	41-38
N. 11	Elon	

Coach: Paul Johnson **Colors:** Blue & White
Nickname: Eagles **1999 Record:** 13-2

Georgia Tech Atlanta, GA

A. 27	@VIRGINIA TECH*	
S. 2	Central Florida*	41-10
S. 9	Florida State	35-41
S. 16	Navy	49-14
S. 21	@NORTH CAROLINA STATE*	48-21
S. 30	@NORTH CAROLINA	31-24 (OT)
O. 14	Wake Forest	23-26
O. 21	Duke	38-31
O. 28	@CLEMSON	45-42
N. 9	Virginia*	38-45
N. 18	@MARYLAND	49-31
N. 25	@GEORGIA	51-48 (OT)

Coach: George O'Leary **Colors:** Gold & White
Nickname: Yellow Jackets **1999 Record:** 8-3

Grambling Grambling, LA

S. 2	Alcorn State	41-25
S. 9	@LOUISVILLE*	
S. 16	@ALABAMA A&M*	36-31
S. 23	@MISSISSIPPI VALLEY*	42-19
S. 30	Prairie View* (at Dallas)	47-19
O. 7	@FLORIDA A&M* (at Indianapolis)	
O. 14	Arkansas-Pine Bluff*	24-19
O. 21	Jackson State	6-31
O. 28	@TEXAS SOUTHERN*	20-21
N. 4	Alabama State	36-13
N. 25	@SOUTHERN U. (at N. Orleans)	31-37

Coach: Doug Williams **Colors:** Black & Gold
Nickname: Tigers **1999 Record:** 7-4

Hampton Hampton, VA

S. 2	New Hampshire	
S. 9	@HOWARD (at Meadowlands)	28-27
S. 16	Winston-Salem*	
S. 23	Southern Utah	
S. 30	@DELAWARE STATE	21-0
O. 14	Norfolk State	28-27
O. 21	@SOUTH CAROLINA STATE	39-27
O. 28	@FLORIDA A&M	6-41
N. 4	Bethune-Cookman	27-34 (OT)
N. 11	North Carolina A&T	24-41
N. 18	@MORGAN STATE	34-14

Coach: Joe Taylor **Colors:** Royal Blue & White
Nickname: Pirates **1999 Record:** 7-4

Harvard Boston, MA

S. 16	Holy Cross	25-17
S. 23	@BROWN	10-17
S. 30	@LAFAYETTE	
O. 7	Cornell	23-24
O. 14	Lehigh	
O. 21	@PRINCETON	13-6
O. 28	@DARTMOUTH	63-21
N. 4	Columbia	24-7
N. 11	@PENNSYLVANIA	17-21
N. 18	Yale	21-24

Coach: Tim Murphy **Colors:** Crimson
Nickname: Crimson **1999 Record:** 5-5

Hawaii Honolulu, HI

S. 9	Portland State*	
S. 23	@UTEP*	33-3
S. 30	Tulsa*	35-21
O. 7	@TEXAS CHRISTIAN*	14-34
O. 14	Southern Methodist*	20-0
O. 21	@RICE	19-38
O. 28	San Jose State*	62-41
N. 4	@FRESNO STATE	31-24 (OT)
N. 11	Nevada*	
N. 18	Louisiana Tech*	
N. 25	Wisconsin*	
D. 2	UNLV*	

Coach: June Jones **Colors:** Green & White
Nickname: Rainbow Warriors **1999 Record:** 8-4

Hofstra Hempstead, NY

S. 2	@MONTANA	
S. 9	@MAINE*	27-19
S. 16	Delaware*	
S. 23	Rhode Island*	28-13
S. 30	@MASSACHUSETTS	27-14
O. 7	@PORTLAND STATE*	
O. 13	Liberty*	
O. 21	Elon	21-9
O. 28	@CAL POLY	38-3
N. 4	@YOUNGSTOWN STATE	
N. 18	Albany (NY)	

Coach: Joe Gardi **Colors:** Blue, White & Gold
Nickname: Flying Dutchmen **1999 Record:** 11-2

Holy Cross Worcester, MA

S. 9	@GEORGETOWN	16-34
S. 16	@HARVARD	17-25
S. 23	Towson	0-14
S. 30	@YALE	14-34
O. 7	Pennsylvania	
O. 14	@DARTMOUTH	
O. 21	@LAFAYETTE	30-12
O. 28	Lehigh	8-62
N. 4	Bucknell	21-32
N. 11	@COLGATE	26-45
N. 18	Fordham	37-14

Coach: Dan Allen **Colors:** Royal Purple & White
Nickname: Crusaders **1999 Record:** 3-8

Houston Houston, TX

S. 2	@RICE*	28-3
S. 9	@LSU*	20-7
S. 16	Army*	26-14
S. 23	@TEXAS	
S. 30	Southern Methodist*	
O. 7	@CINCINNATI	23-20
O. 21	@MEMPHIS*	
O. 28	Southern Mississippi	
N. 4	@TULANE	36-31
N. 11	@EAST CAROLINA	3-19
N. 18	Louisville	33-39

Coach: Dana Dimel **Colors:** Scarlet & White
Nickname: Cougars **1999 Record:** 7-4

Howard Washington, DC

S. 2	Jackson State* (at Chicago)	21-35
S. 9	Hampton (at Meadowlands)	27-28
S. 16	@MAINE*	
S. 23	Morgan State	42-38
S. 30	@FLORIDA A&M	34-40 (OT)
O. 14	@TOWSON	33-49
O. 21	@NORTH CAROLINA A&T	0-51
O. 28	Norfolk State	29-23
N. 4	@SOUTH CAROLINA STATE	49-42
N. 11	Bethune-Cookman	31-27
N. 18	Delaware State	25-42

Coach: Steve Wilson **Colors:** Navy Blue & White
Nickname: Bison **1999 Record:** 5-6

Idaho Moscow, ID

S. 2	@WASHINGTON	
S. 9	Montana*	33-30
S. 16	@OREGON	
S. 23	@WASHINGTON STATE	28-17
S. 30	Montana State	
O. 7	@WEST VIRGINIA	
O. 14	Arkansas State*	30-24 (OT)
O. 21	@UTAH STATE	31-3
N. 4	@NORTH TEXAS	28-10
N. 11	New Mexico State*	14-42
N. 18	@BOISE STATE	14-45

Coach: Tom Cable **Colors:** Silver & Gold
Nickname: Vandals **1999 Record:** 7-4

Idaho State Pocatello, ID

S. 9	Montana Tech*	
S. 16	@EASTERN WASHINGTON*	38-45
S. 23	Sacramento State*	20-41
S. 30	@CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE	27-41
O. 7	Northern Arizona*	28-43
O. 14	@PORTLAND STATE*	13-52
O. 21	Southern Utah	47-63
O. 28	Weber State*	24-27
N. 4	@MONTANA	23-73
N. 11	Montana State*	29-13
N. 18	@UTAH STATE	

Coach: Larry Lewis **Colors:** Black & Orange
Nickname: Bengals **1999 Record:** 3-8

Illinois Champaign, IL

S. 2	Middle Tennessee State	
S. 9	@SAN DIEGO STATE	38-10
S. 16	California	
S. 23	Michigan	35-29
S. 30	@MINNESOTA	7-37
O. 14	Iowa	40-24
O. 21	@PENN STATE	7-27
O. 28	@MICHIGAN STATE	10-27
N. 4	Indiana	31-34
N. 11	Ohio State	46-20
N. 18	@NORTHWESTERN	29-7

Coach: Ron Turner **Colors:** Orange & Blue
Nickname: Fighting Illini **1999 Record:** 7-4

Illinois State Normal, IL

A. 31	West Virginia Tech*	
S. 9	@NORTH ILLINOIS*	
S. 16	@SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE*	55-7
S. 30	@NORTHERN IOWA	47-28
O. 7	Youngstown State	31-28
O. 14	@INDIANA STATE	20-17
O. 21	Prairie View	
O. 28	Southern Illinois	55-48
N. 4	@WESTERN ILLINOIS	38-30
N. 11	Eastern Illinois*	24-17
N. 18	Southwest Missouri State	46-42

Coach: Denver Johnson **Colors:** Red & White
Nickname: Redbirds **1999 Record:** 11-3

Indiana Bloomington, IN

S. 9	North Carolina State*	
S. 16	@KENTUCKY	35-44
S. 23	Cincinnati	
S. 30	Iowa	38-31
O. 7	@NORTHWESTERN	34-17
O. 14	@MICHIGAN	31-34
O. 21	Minnesota	20-44
O. 28	Penn State* (at Indianapolis)	24-45
N. 4	@ILLINOIS	34-31
N. 11	Wisconsin	0-59
N. 18	@PURDUE	24-30

Coach: Cam Cameron **Colors:** Cream & Crimson
Nickname: Hoosiers **1999 Record:** 4-7

Indiana State Terre Haute, IN

A. 31	Eastern Illinois*	
S. 9	Eastern Kentucky*	24-31
S. 16	@WESTERN MICHIGAN*	
S. 23	@MURRAY STATE*	
S. 30	@WESTERN ILLINOIS	39-36 (OT)
O. 7	Southwest Missouri State	14-31
O. 14	Illinois State	17-20
O. 21	Northern Iowa	21-44
O. 28	@YOUNGSTOWN STATE	28-31
N. 4	@SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	66-45
N. 11	@WESTERN KENTUCKY	34-40 (OT)

Coach: Tim McGuire **Colors:** Royal Blue & White
Nickname: Sycamores **1999 Record:** 3-8

Iona New Rochelle, NY

S. 9	Canisius	34-12
S. 16	La Salle	31-23
S. 23	Montclair State	
S. 30	@FAIRFIELD	6-42
O. 7	St. Peter's	20-15
O. 14	@MARIST	29-40
O. 21	@DUQUESNE	62-50
O. 28	@SACRED HEART	24-0
N. 4	@GEORGETOWN	0-28
N. 11	Siena	0-14
N. 18	St. John's (NY)	33-47

Coach: Fred Mariani **Colors:** Maroon & Gold
Nickname: Gaels **1999 Record:** 5-5

Iowa Iowa City, IA

A. 26	Kansas State (at Kansas City)	
S. 9	Western Michigan	
S. 16	Iowa State	10-17
S. 23	@NEBRASKA	7-42
S. 30	@INDIANA	31-38
O. 7	Michigan State	3-49
O. 14	@ILLINOIS	24-40
O. 21	Ohio State	11-41
O. 28	Wisconsin	3-41
N. 4	@PENN STATE	7-31
N. 11	Northwestern	21-23
N. 18	@MINNESOTA	21-25

Coach: Kirk Ferentz **Colors:** Gold & Black
Nickname: Hawkeyes **1999 Record:** 1-10

Iowa State Ames, IA

A. 31	Ohio	
S. 9	UNLV	24-0
S. 16	@IOWA	17-10
S. 30	@BAYLOR*	
O. 7	Nebraska*	14-49
O. 14	@OKLAHOMA STATE	
O. 21	Texas A&M	
O. 28	Missouri	24-21
N. 4	@KANSAS STATE	28-35
N. 11	@COLORADO	12-16
N. 18	Kansas	28-31

Coach: Dan McCarney **Colors:** Cardinal & Gold
Nickname: Cyclones **1999 Record:** 4-7

Jackson State Jackson, MS

S. 2	@HOWARD* (at Chicago)	35-21
S. 9	Texas Southern*	41-24
S. 16	Tennessee State	33-48
S. 23	@SOUTHERN (at New Orleans)	30-31
O. 7	@ALABAMA STATE	44-17
O. 14	Mississippi Valley*	63-0
O. 21	@GRAMBLING	31-6
O. 28	@ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF*	41-0
N. 4	Alabama A&M	28-18
N. 11	New Haven	30-23
N. 18	Alcorn State	58-6

Coach: Robert Hughes **Colors:** Blue & White
Nickname: Tigers **1999 Record:** 9-3

Jacksonville Jacksonville, FL

S. 2	Lenoir-Rhyne	13-28
S. 9	@DAVIDSON	20-15
S. 16	Tusculum	36-42 (OT)
S. 30	Austin Peay	28-21 (OT)
O. 7	@CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	17-37
O. 21	@VIRGINIA-WISE	12-17
O. 28	Stony Brook	
N. 4	@DRAKE	14-34
N. 11	Wagner	
N. 18	Monmouth (NJ)	
N. 24	Fairfield* (at Orlando)	

Coach: Steve Gilbert **Colors:** Green & White
Nickname: Dolphins **1999 Record:** 3-6

Jacksonville State Jacksonville, AL

S. 2	@SOUTH FLORIDA	
S. 9	Cumberland University*	
S. 21	Samford*	18-34
S. 30	@CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	
O. 7	Sam Houston State	17-51
O. 14	@MCNEESE STATE*	36-39 (OT)
O. 21	@SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE	17-10
O. 28	Stephen F. Austin	16-33
N. 4	Northwestern State	7-35
N. 11	@NICHOLLS STATE*	42-45
N. 18	Troy State	16-35

Coach: Jack Crowe **Colors:** Red & White
Nickname: Gamecocks **1999 Record:** 2-9

James Madison Harrisonburg, VA

S. 2	Lock Haven*	
S. 9	Liberty*	
S. 16	@SOUTH FLORIDA*	13-3
S. 23	New Hampshire*	35-28
O. 7	Villanova	23-20
O. 14	@RHODE ISLAND	
O. 21	William & Mary	30-20
O. 28	@DELAWARE	21-7
N. 4	Maine	20-26
N. 11	@RICHMOND	31-13
N. 18	@NORTHEASTERN	29-21

Coach: Mickey Matthews **Colors:** Purple & Gold
Nickname: Dukes **1999 Record:** 8-4

Kansas Lawrence, KS

S. 2	@SOUTHERN METHODIST*	27-9
S. 16	UAB*	
S. 23	Southern Illinois*	
S. 30	@OKLAHOMA	
O. 7	Kansas State	9-50
O. 14	@MISSOURI	21-0
O. 21	Colorado	17-51
O. 28	Texas Tech	
N. 4	@NEBRASKA	17-24
N. 11	Texas	
N. 18	@IOWA STATE	31-28

Coach: Terry Allen **Colors:** Crimson & Blue
Nickname: Jayhawks **1999 Record:** 5-7

Kansas State Manhattan, KS

A. 26	@IOWA (at Kansas City)	
S. 2	Louisiana Tech*	
S. 16	Ball State*	
S. 23	North Texas	
S. 30	@COLORADO	20-14
O. 7	@KANSAS	50-9
O. 14	Oklahoma	
O. 21	Texas Tech	
O. 28	@TEXAS A&M	
N. 4	Iowa State	35-28
N. 11	Nebraska*	15-41
N. 18	@MISSOURI	66-0

Coach: Bill Snyder **Colors:** Purple & White
Nickname: Wildcats **1999 Record:** 10-1

Kent Kent, OH

S. 2	@PITTSBURGH	23-30
S. 9	@PURDUE	
S. 16	Youngstown State*	
S. 23	@MIAMI (OH)	10-17
S. 30	Bowling Green	41-27
O. 7	@CENTRAL MICHIGAN	
O. 14	Ohio	3-31
O. 21	@MARSHALL*	16-28
O. 28	Western Michigan	
N. 4	@BUFFALO	41-20
N. 18	Akron	34-37

Coach: Dean Pees **Colors:** Blue & Gold
Nickname: Golden Flashes **1999 Record:** 2-9

Kentucky Lexington, KY

S. 2	@LOUISVILLE*	28-56
S. 9	South Florida	
S. 16	Indiana	44-35
S. 23	@FLORIDA	10-38
S. 30	@MISSISSIPPI	
O. 7	South Carolina	30-10
O. 14	@LSU	31-5
O. 21	Georgia	34-49
N. 4	Mississippi State	22-23
N. 11	Vanderbilt	19-17
N. 18	@TENNESSEE	21-56

Coach: Hal Mumme **Colors:** Blue & White
Nickname: Wildcats **1999 Record:** 6-5

La Salle Philadelphia, PA

S. 2	@ST. FRANCIS (PA)	44-7
S. 9	Duquesne	3-32
S. 16	@IONA	23-31
S. 23	Siena	17-7
S. 30	@CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY	
O. 7	@CANISIUS	19-6
O. 21	Shenandoah	
O. 28	@ST. JOHN'S (NY)	10-21
N. 4	@ST. PETER'S*	35-13
N. 11	Marist	23-41
N. 18	Fairfield	0-42

Coach: Bill Manlove **Colors:** Blue & Gold
Nickname: Explorers **1999 Record:** 4-6

Lafayette Easton, PA

S. 9	Towson	7-35
S. 16	Princeton	10-22
S. 23	@PENNSYLVANIA	
S. 30	Harvard	
O. 7	@COLUMBIA	
O. 14	@BUCKNELL	22-21
O. 21	Holy Cross	12-30
O. 28	@COLGATE	14-56
N. 4	@FORDHAM	27-7
N. 11	@DUQUESNE	17-28
N. 18	Lehigh	12-14

Coach: Frank Tavani **Colors:** Maroon & White
Nickname: Leopards **1999 Record:** 4-7

Lehigh Bethlehem, PA

S. 9	@WOFFORD*	
S. 16	Pennsylvania	
S. 23	@PRINCETON	31-0
S. 30	Cornell	
O. 7	@TOWSON	44-39
O. 14	@HARVARD	
O. 21	Bucknell	48-27
O. 28	@HOLY CROSS	62-8
N. 4	Colgate	24-28
N. 11	Fordham	49-7
N. 18	@LAFAYETTE	14-12

Coach: Kevin Higgins **Colors:** Brown & White
Nickname: Mountain Hawks **1999 Record:** 10-2

Liberty Lynchburg, VA

S. 2	East Tennessee State*	12-24
S. 9	@JAMES MADISON*	
S. 16	Gardner-Webb*	
S. 23	@DELAWARE STATE	
S. 30	Wingate*	
O. 13	@HOFSTRA*	
O. 21	@SOUTH FLORIDA*	0-28
O. 28	Samford*	28-35
N. 4	@ELON	14-38
N. 11	Charleston Southern	34-14
N. 18	@APPALACHIAN STATE	12-28

Coach: Ken Karcher **Colors:** Red, White & Blue
Nickname: Flames **1999 Record:** 4-7

Louisiana Tech Ruston, LA

A. 26	Mississippi Valley*	
S. 2	@KANSAS STATE*	
S. 9	@PENN STATE	
S. 16	Stephen F. Austin*	
S. 23	@TULSA*	
O. 7	@MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE*	42-18
O. 14	Louisiana-Lafayette*	41-31
O. 21	@AUBURN	
O. 28	@MIAMI (FL)	
N. 4	Central Florida*	46-35
N. 11	@LOUISIANA-MONROE*	58-17
N. 18	@HAWAII*	

Coach: Jack Bicknell III **Colors:** Red & Blue
Nickname: Bulldogs **1999 Record:** 8-3

Louisiana-Lafayette Lafayette, LA

S. 2	Sam Houston State*	
S. 9	@TEXAS	
S. 16	@TEXAS TECH	17-38
S. 23	Northwestern State*	
S. 30	@UAB	
O. 7	Tulane	32-48
O. 14	@LOUISIANA TECH*	31-41
O. 28	North Texas*	
N. 4	@LOUISIANA-MONROE*	7-31
N. 18	@MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE	45-31

Coach: Jerry Baldwin **Colors:** Vermillion & White
Nickname: Ragin' Cajuns **1999 Record:** 2-9

Louisiana-Monroe Monroe, LA

S. 2	@MINNESOTA	0-35
S. 9	@MEMPHIS*	
S. 16	Nicholls State*	27-10
S. 23	@TENNESSEE	
S. 30	Southwest Texas State*	
O. 7	@ARKANSAS*	6-44
O. 14	@MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE*	10-0
O. 21	@CENTRAL FLORIDA	
N. 4	Louisiana-Lafayette*	31-7
N. 11	Louisiana Tech*	17-58
N. 18	Wofford	

Coach: Bobby Keaster **Colors:** Red & Gold
Nickname: Indians **1999 Record:** 5-6

Louisville Louisville, KY

S. 2	Kentucky*	56-28
S. 9	Grambling*	
S. 23	@FLORIDA STATE	
S. 30	Connecticut	
O. 7	@UAB	23-14
O. 14	Cincinnati	23-13
O. 19	East Carolina*	
O. 28	Tulane	
N. 4	@SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	27-30
N. 11	Army	52-59 (OT)
N. 18	@HOUSTON	39-33

Coach: John L. Smith **Colors:** Red, White & Black
Nickname: Cardinals **1999 Record:** 7-4

LSU Baton Rouge, LA

S. 2	Western Carolina	
S. 9	Houston*	7-20
S. 16	@AUBURN*	7-41
S. 23	UAB	
S. 30	Tennessee	
O. 7	@FLORIDA	10-31
O. 14	Kentucky	5-31
O. 21	Mississippi State	16-17
N. 4	Alabama	17-23
N. 11	@MISSISSIPPI	23-42
N. 25	@ARKANSAS	35-10

Coach: Nick Saban **Colors:** Purple & Gold
Nickname: Tigers **1999 Record:** 3-8

Maine Orono, ME

A. 31	@KUTZTOWN*	
S. 9	Hofstra*	19-27
S. 16	Howard*	
S. 23	@VILLANOVA	
S. 30	William & Mary*	13-37
O. 14	@MASSACHUSETTS	17-38
O. 21	@RICHMOND	21-14
O. 28	Rhode Island	14-23
N. 4	@JAMES MADISON	26-20
N. 11	Northeastern	20-14
N. 18	New Hampshire	20-31

Coach: Jack Cosgrove **Colors:** White & Blue
Nickname: Black Bears **1999 Record:** 4-7

Marist Poughkeepsie, NY

S. 2	Western Connecticut State	
S. 9	@ST. PETER'S*	20-0
S. 23	@DUQUESNE	0-31
S. 30	@WAGNER	20-17
O. 14	Iona	40-29
O. 21	@GEORGETOWN	40-41 (OT)
O. 28	Canisius	49-7
N. 4	Fairfield	7-57
N. 11	@LA SALLE	41-23
N. 18	@SIENA	29-7

Coach: Jim Parady **Colors:** Red & White
Nickname: Red Foxes **1999 Record:** 6-5

Marshall Huntington, WV

A. 31	Southeast Missouri State*	
S. 9	@MICHIGAN STATE	
S. 23	@NORTH CAROLINA	
S. 30	Buffalo*	59-3
O. 7	Western Michigan*	34-30
O. 14	@TOLEDO*	38-13
O. 21	Kent*	28-16
O. 28	@ARKON*	
N. 4	@BOWLING GREEN	35-16
N. 11	Miami (OH)*	32-14
N. 18	@OHIO	34-3

Coach: Bob Pruett **Colors:** Green & White
Nickname: Thundering Herd **1999 Record:** 12-0

Maryland College Park, MD

S. 9	Temple*	6-0
S. 16	@WEST VIRGINIA	33-0
S. 23	Middle Tennessee State*	
S. 28	Florida State*	10-49
O. 7	@VIRGINIA	30-34
O. 14	@CLEMSON	30-42
O. 21	Wake Forest	17-14
O. 28	@DUKE	22-25
N. 4	North Carolina State	17-30
N. 11	@NORTH CAROLINA	45-7
N. 18	Georgia Tech	31-49

Coach: Ron Vanderlinden **Colors:** Red & Gold
Nickname: Terrapins **1999 Record:** 5-6

Massachusetts Amherst, MA

A. 31	William & Mary*	25-16
S. 16	@RICHMOND	33-6
S. 23	New Haven	
S. 30	Hofstra	14-27
O. 7	@NORTHEASTERN	77-0
O. 14	Maine	38-17
O. 21	American International	
O. 28	@NEW HAMPSHIRE	34-19
N. 4	Villanova	21-26
N. 11	Delaware	26-19
N. 18	@RHODE ISLAND	31-9

Coach: Mark Whipple **Colors:** Maroon & White
Nickname: Minutemen **1999 Record:** 9-4

McNeese State Lake Charles, LA

A. 31	@MIAMI (FL)	
S. 9	@PRAIRIE VIEW*	
S. 16	Southwest Missouri State*	
S. 23	@ALCORN STATE	
O. 7	Stephen F. Austin*	14-40
O. 14	Jacksonville State*	39-36 (OT)
O. 21	@NORTHWESTERN STATE	20-17
O. 28	@SAM HOUSTON STATE	3-20
N. 4	Southwest Texas State	10-7
N. 11	@TROY STATE	24-7
N. 18	Nicholls State*	38-0

Coach: Kirby Bruchhaus **Colors:** Blue & Gold
Nickname: Cowboys **1999 Record:** 6-5

Memphis Memphis, TN

S. 2	Mississippi State*	10-13
S. 9	Louisiana-Monroe*	
S. 16	@ARKANSAS STATE*	31-26
S. 23	@ARMY	14-10
S. 30	@SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	5-20
O. 7	East Carolina*	
O. 14	@UAB	38-14
O. 21	Houston*	
N. 4	Tennessee	16-17
N. 11	Cincinnati	21-13
N. 18	@TULANE	49-7

Coach: Rip Scherer **Colors:** Blue & Gray
Nickname: Tigers **1999 Record:** 5-6

Miami (FL) Coral Gables, FL

A. 31	McNeese State	
S. 9	@WASHINGTON	
S. 23	@WEST VIRGINIA	28-20
S. 30	@RUTGERS	55-0
O. 7	Florida State	21-31
O. 21	@TEMPLE	55-0
O. 28	Louisiana Tech	
N. 4	Virginia Tech	10-43
N. 11	Pittsburgh	33-3
N. 18	@SYRACUSE*	45-13
N. 25	Boston College	31-28

Coach: Butch Davis **Colors:** Orange & Green
Nickname: Hurricanes **1999 Record:** 8-4

Miami (OH) Oxford, OH

S. 2	@VANDERBILT	
S. 9	@EASTERN MICHIGAN	35-14
S. 16	@OHIO STATE	
S. 23	Kent	17-10
S. 30	@AKRON*	32-23
O. 7	Ball State	
O. 14	Bowling Green	45-31
O. 28	@CINCINNATI	42-52
N. 4	Ohio	28-40
N. 11	@MARSHALL*	14-32
N. 18	@BUFFALO	43-0

Coach: Terry Hoepfner **Colors:** Red & White
Nickname: RedHawks **1999 Record:** 7-4

Michigan Ann Arbor, MI

S. 2	Bowling Green	
S. 9	Rice	37-3
S. 16	@UCLA	
S. 23	@ILLINOIS	29-35
S. 30	Wisconsin	21-16
O. 7	@PURDUE	38-12
O. 14	Indiana	34-31
O. 21	Michigan State	31-34
N. 4	@NORTHWESTERN	37-3
N. 11	Penn State	31-27
N. 18	@OHIO STATE	24-17

Coach: Lloyd Carr **Colors:** Maize & Blue
Nickname: Wolverines **1999 Record:** 9-2

Michigan State East Lansing, MI

S. 9	Marshall	
S. 16	@MISSOURI	
S. 23	Notre Dame	23-13
S. 30	Northwestern	34-0
O. 7	@IOWA	49-3
O. 14	Wisconsin	10-40
O. 21	@MICHIGAN	34-31
O. 28	Illinois	27-10
N. 4	@OHIO STATE	23-7
N. 11	Purdue	28-52
N. 18	@PENN STATE	35-28

Coach: Bobby Williams **Colors:** Green & White
Nickname: Spartans 1999 Record: 9-2

Middle Tennessee Murfreesboro, TN

S. 2	@ILLINOIS	
S. 9	@FLORIDA*	
S. 16	Murray State*	
S. 23	@MARYLAND*	
O. 7	Louisiana Tech*	18-42
O. 14	Louisiana-Monroe*	0-10
O. 21	@UAB	
O. 28	@MISSISSIPPI STATE	7-40
N. 4	@CONNECTICUT	
N. 11	South Florida	
N. 18	Louisiana-Lafayette	31-45

Coach: Andy McCollum **Colors:** Blue & White
Nickname: Blue Raiders 1999 Record: 3-8

Minnesota Minneapolis, MN

S. 2	Louisiana-Monroe	35-0
S. 9	Ohio	33-7
S. 16	@BAYLOR	
S. 23	@PURDUE	28-33
S. 30	Illinois	37-7
O. 7	Penn State	24-23
O. 14	@OHIO STATE	17-20
O. 21	@INDIANA	44-20
O. 28	Northwestern	33-14
N. 4	@WISCONSIN	17-20 (OT)
N. 18	Iowa	25-21

Coach: Glen Mason **Colors:** Maroon & Gold
Nickname: Golden Gophers 1999 Record: 8-3

Mississippi University, MS

S. 2	Tulane	20-13
S. 9	Auburn*	24-17 (OT)
S. 16	@VANDERBILT	34-37 (OT)
S. 30	Kentucky	
O. 7	Arkansas State	38-14
O. 14	@ALABAMA	24-30
O. 28	UNLV	
N. 4	@ARKANSAS	38-16
N. 11	LSU	42-23
N. 18	@GEORGIA	17-20
N. 23	Mississippi State	20-23

Coach: David Cutcliffe **Colors:** Red & Navy Blue
Nickname: Rebels 1999 Record: 7-4

Mississippi State Mississippi State, MS

S. 2	@MEMPHIS*	13-10
S. 14	@BRIGHAM YOUNG	
S. 23	@SOUTH CAROLINA	17-0
S. 30	Florida	
O. 7	Auburn	18-16
O. 21	@LSU	17-16
O. 28	Middle Tennessee State	40-7
N. 4	@KENTUCKY	23-22
N. 11	Alabama	7-19
N. 18	Arkansas	9-14
N. 23	@MISSISSIPPI	23-20

Coach: Jackie Sherrill **Colors:** Maroon & White
Nickname: Bulldogs 1999 Record: 9-2

Mississippi Valley State Itta Bena, MS

A. 26	@LOUISIANA TECH*	
S. 2	Arkansas-Pine Bluff*	9-13
S. 9	Delta State*	
S. 16	@CHATTANOOGA	
S. 23	Grambling*	19-42
S. 30	@ALABAMA A&M	19-26
O. 14	@JACKSON STATE*	0-63
O. 21	@TEXAS SOUTHERN*	18-13
O. 28	Prairie View	14-12
N. 4	Alcorn State	30-26
N. 11	@ALABAMA STATE	27-35

Coach: Latral Jones **Colors:** Green & White
Nickname: Delta Devils 1999 Record: 3-8

Missouri Columbia, MO

S. 2	Western Illinois*	
S. 9	@CLEMSON	
S. 16	Michigan State	
S. 30	@NEBRASKA	10-40
O. 7	Oklahoma State	
O. 14	Kansas	0-21
O. 21	@TEXAS	
O. 28	@IOWA STATE	21-24
N. 4	Colorado	39-46 (OT)
N. 11	@BAYLOR	
N. 18	Kansas State	0-66

Coach: Larry Smith **Colors:** Old Gold & Black
Nickname: Tigers 1999 Record: 4-7

Monmouth (NJ) West Long Branch, NJ

S. 9	@WAGNER	3-35
S. 16	@ROBERT MORRIS	16-34
S. 23	Central Connecticut State	21-28
S. 30	Sacred Heart	37-17
O. 7	@LIU-C.W. POST	26-30
O. 14	St. Francis (PA)	20-9
O. 21	Stony Brook	3-7
O. 28	Towson	7-34
N. 4	@ALBANY (NY)	16-24
N. 10	@ST. JOHN'S (NY)*	
N. 18	@JACKSONVILLE	

Coach: Kevin Callahan **Colors:** Blue & White
Nickname: Hawks 1999 Record: 2-8

Montana Missoula, MT

S. 2	Hofstra	
S. 9	@IDAHO*	30-33
S. 16	Cal Poly	28-14
S. 30	@EASTERN WASHINGTON*	25-7
O. 7	Sacramento State	41-38 (OT)
O. 14	@CAL STATE NORTHBRIDGE	48-27
O. 21	Northern Arizona	42-23
O. 28	@PORTLAND STATE*	48-51 (OT)
N. 4	Idaho State	73-23
N. 11	@WEBER STATE	81-22
N. 18	Montana State	49-3

Coach: Joe Glenn **Colors:** Copper, Silver & Gold
Nickname: Grizzlies 1999 Record: 9-3

Montana State Bozeman, MT

S. 9	Humboldt State	
S. 16	Weber State	29-6
S. 23	Cal Poly	37-40
S. 30	@IDAHO	
O. 7	Eastern Washington	23-45
O. 14	@SACRAMENTO STATE*	10-41
O. 21	Cal State Northridge	21-24
O. 28	@NORTHERN ARIZONA	20-49
N. 4	Portland State	28-49
N. 11	@IDAHO STATE*	13-29
N. 18	@MONTANA	3-49

Coach: Mike Kramer **Colors:** Blue & Gold
Nickname: Bobcats 1999 Record: 3-8

Morehead State Morehead, KY

S. 23	@DAYTON*	50-39
S. 30	@VALPARAISO	21-31
O. 7	@DAVIDSON	40-0
O. 28	@AUSTIN PEAY	47-7
N. 11	@SOUTHERN UTAH	33-51

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Coach: Matt Ballard **Colors:** Scarlet & White
Nickname: Eagles 1999 Record: 5-5

Morgan State Baltimore, MD

S. 9	@FLORIDA A&M	10-66
S. 16	@TOWSON	28-22
S. 23	@HOWARD	38-42
S. 30	Bethune-Cookman@	25-28
O. 7	@NORTH CAROLINA A&T	6-30
O. 21	Delaware State+	20-34
O. 28	@WESTERN ILLINOIS	
N. 4	@NORFOLK STATE	16-20
N. 11	@SOUTH CAROLINA STATE	
N. 18	Hampton	14-34
	@ At Baltimore, MD	

Coach: Stanley Mitchell **Colors:** Blue & Orange
Nickname: Bears 1999 Record: 2-8

Murray State Murray, KY

A. 31	Southern Illinois*	51-58
S. 7	@SAMDOR*	34-27
S. 16	@MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE*	
S. 23	Indiana State*	
S. 30	Western Kentucky*	15-21
O. 7	@TENNESSEE-MARTIN	62-14
O. 14	@EASTERN ILLINOIS	37-32
O. 21	@SOUTHEAST MISSOURI ST.	45-18
O. 28	Tennessee Tech	22-11
N. 4	@EASTERN KENTUCKY	45-30
N. 11	Tennessee State	41-42

Coach: Joe Pannunzio **Colors:** Blue & Gold
Nickname: Racers 1999 Record: 7-4

Navy Annapolis, MD

S. 2	Temple*	
S. 16	@GEORGIA TECH	14-49
S. 23	@BOSTON COLLEGE	10-14
S. 30	Texas Christian	
O. 7	@AIR FORCE	14-19
O. 14	Notre Dame (at Orlando)	24-28
O. 21	Rutgers	34-7
O. 28	Toledo	
N. 11	@TULANE	45-21
N. 18	Wake Forest	
D. 2	Army (at Baltimore)	19-9

Coach: Charlie Weatherbie **Colors:** Blue & Gold
Nickname: Midshipmen 1999 Record: 5-7

Nebraska Lincoln, NE

S. 2	San Jose State+	
S. 9	@NOTRE DAME	
S. 23	Iowa	42-7
S. 30	Missouri+	40-10
O. 7	@IOWA STATE	49-14
O. 14	@TEXAS TECH	
O. 21	Baylor+	
O. 28	@OKLAHOMA	
N. 4	Kansas+	24-17
N. 11	@KANSAS STATE	41-15
N. 24	Colorado+	33-30 (OT)

Coach: Frank Solich **Colors:** Scarlet & Cream
Nickname: Cornhuskers 1999 Record: 11-1

Nevada Reno, NV

S. 2	@OREGON	10-72
S. 9	Texas Christian	
S. 23	@WYOMING	
S. 30	Colorado State	33-38
O. 7	@UNLV*	26-12
O. 14	@FRESNO STATE*	24-49
O. 21	San Jose State	
O. 28	@SOUTHERN METHODIST*	
N. 4	UTEP	
N. 11	@HAWAII*	
N. 18	Rice	
N. 25	@TULSA	

Coach: Chris Tormey **Colors:** Royal Blue & Silver
Nickname: Wolf Pack 1999 Record: 3-8

New Hampshire Durham, NH

S. 2	@HAMPTON	
S. 9	Rhode Island	37-14
S. 16	Northeastern	33-31
S. 23	Dartmouth	
S. 30	@JAMES MADISON*	28-35
O. 14	Richmond	17-27
O. 21	@VILLANOVA	28-31
O. 28	Massachusetts	19-34
N. 4	@DELAWARE	10-14
N. 11	Gardner-Webb	
N. 18	@MAINE	31-20

Coach: Sean McDonnell **Colors:** Blue & White
Nickname: Wildcats 1999 Record: 5-6

New Mexico Albuquerque, NM

S. 2	Boise State*	9-20
S. 9	Oregon State	
S. 16	@NEW MEXICO STATE*	28-35
S. 23	Northern Arizona*	45-14
S. 30	Wyoming*	28-42
O. 7	@COLORADO STATE	22-36
O. 21	@AIR FORCE	33-28
O. 28	Utah	7-52
N. 4	San Diego State	24-21
N. 11	@UNLV	27-6
N. 18	@BRIGHAM YOUNG	7-31

Coach: Rocky Long **Colors:** Cherry & Silver
Nickname: Lobos 1999 Record: 4-7

New Mexico State Las Cruces, NM

S. 2	@SOUTH CAROLINA*	
S. 16	New Mexico*	35-28
S. 23	@GEORGIA	
S. 30	@UTEP*	23-54
O. 7	Army*	18-35
O. 14	Tulsa*	
O. 21	@ARKANSAS STATE	
O. 28	Boise State*	26-45
N. 4	Utah State*	14-6
N. 11	@IDAHO*	42-14
N. 18	@NORTH TEXAS	22-9

Coach: Tony Samuel **Colors:** Crimson & White
Nickname: Aggies 1999 Record: 6-5

Nicholls State Thibodaux, LA

S. 16	@LOUISIANA-MONROE*	10-27
S. 23	@WESTERN ILLINOIS	13-14
S. 30	@SAMDOR*	24-28
O. 7	@SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE	0-16
O. 14	Northwestern State	17-42
O. 21	Stephen F. Austin*	7-38
O. 28	@TROY STATE	0-20
N. 4	Sam Houston State	17-69
N. 11	Jacksonville State*	45-42
N. 18	@MCNEESE STATE*	0-38

Coach: Daryl Daye **Colors:** Cardinal & Royal
Nickname: Colonels 1999 Record: 1-10

Norfolk State Norfolk, VA

S. 2	Virginia State	19-7
S. 9	@BETHUNE-COOKMAN	6-26
S. 16	@VILLANOVA	
S. 30	@NORTH CAROLINA A&T*	14-28
O. 7	South Carolina State	23-27
O. 14	@HAMPTON	27-28
O. 21	Florida A&M	7-56
O. 28	@HOWARD	23-29
N. 4	Morgan State	20-16
N. 11	Delaware State	6-26
N. 18	Texas Southern	6-22

Coach: Maurice Forte **Colors:** Green & Gold
Nickname: Spartans 1999 Record: 2-9

North Carolina Chapel Hill, NC

S. 2	Tulsa	
S. 9	@WAKE FOREST	3-19
S. 16	@FLORIDA STATE	10-42
S. 23	Marshall	
S. 30	Georgia Tech	24-31 (OT)
O. 14	North Carolina State	10-6
O. 21	Clemson	20-31
O. 28	@VIRGINIA	17-20
N. 4	@PITTSBURGH	
N. 11	Maryland	7-45
N. 18	@DUKE	38-0

Coach: Carl Torbush **Colors:** Blue & White
Nickname: Tar Heels 1999 Record: 3-8

North Carolina A&T Greensboro, NC

S. 3	@NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL*	20-7
S. 9	@TENNESSEE STATE	24-10
S. 23	Elon*	7-40
S. 30	Norfolk State*	28-14
O. 7	Morgan State	30-6
O. 14	@FLORIDA A&M	30-15
O. 21	Howard	51-0
O. 28	Bethune-Cookman	19-18
N. 4	@DELAWARE STATE	24-13
N. 11	@HAMPTON	41-24
N. 18	@S. CAROLINA ST. (at Charlotte)	27-7

Coach: Bill Hayes **Colors:** Navy Blue & Gold
Nickname: Aggies 1999 Record: 11-2

North Carolina State Raleigh, NC

S. 2	Arkansas State*	
S. 9	@INDIANA*	
S. 16	Southern Methodist*	
S. 21	Georgia Tech*	21-48
O. 7	@CLEMSON	35-31
O. 14	@NORTH CAROLINA	6-10
O. 28	Florida State	11-42
N. 4	@MARYLAND	30-17
N. 11	Duke	31-24 (OT)
N. 18	@VIRGINIA	26-47
N. 25	Wake Forest	7-31

Coach: Chuck Amato **Colors:** Red & White
Nickname: Wolfpack 1999 Record: 6-6

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North Texas Denton, TX

A. 31	Baylor*	10-23
S. 9	@TEXAS TECH*	21-14
S. 16	@UNLV*	3-26
S. 23	@KANSAS STATE	
O. 5	Samford*	
O. 14	Utah State	7-34
O. 21	@BOISE STATE	17-10
O. 28	@LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE*	
N. 4	Idaho	10-28
N. 11	@ARKANSAS STATE	10-14
N. 18	New Mexico State	9-22

Coach: Darrell Dickey **Colors:** Green & White
Nickname: Eagles **1999 Record:** 2-9

Northeastern Boston, MA

S. 2	American International	44-7
S. 9	Albany (NY)	
S. 16	@NEW HAMPSHIRE	31-33
S. 23	@CONNECTICUT	24-29
S. 30	@DELAWARE	34-37 (OT)
O. 7	Massachusetts	0-77
O. 14	Villanova	16-45
O. 21	Rhode Island	20-10
O. 28	@WILLIAM & MARY	30-42
N. 11	@MAINE	14-20
N. 18	James Madison	21-29

Coach: Barry Gallup **Colors:** Red & Black
Nickname: Huskies **1999 Record:** 2-9

Northern Arizona Flagstaff, AZ

S. 9	Chadron State	
S. 16	@CAL STATE NORTHRIIDGE	30-10
S. 23	@NEW MEXICO*	14-45
S. 30	Portland State	40-24
O. 7	@IDAHO STATE*	43-28
O. 14	Weber State	36-19
O. 21	@MONTANA	23-42
O. 28	Montana State	49-20
N. 4	@EASTERN WASHINGTON	10-14
N. 11	Sacramento State	51-49 (OT)
N. 18	Southern Utah	

Coach: Jerome Sowers **Colors:** Blue & Gold
Nickname: Lumberjacks **1999 Record:** 8-4

Northern Illinois De Kalb, IL

A. 31	@NORTHWESTERN*	
S. 9	Illinois State*	
S. 23	@AUBURN*	
S. 30	@BALL STATE	37-17
O. 7	Central Florida	
O. 14	@AKRON*	
O. 21	@WESTERN MICHIGAN	21-24
O. 28	Buffalo	45-21
N. 4	Toledo	14-44
N. 11	@EASTERN MICHIGAN	30-23
N. 18	Central Michigan	31-27

Coach: Joe Novak **Colors:** Cardinal & Black
Nickname: Huskies **1999 Record:** 5-6

Northern Iowa Cedar Falls, IA

A. 31	Morningside*	
S. 9	@BOISE STATE*	
S. 16	@SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	34-14
S. 23	Stephen F. Austin	
S. 30	Illinois State	28-47
O. 14	@YOUNGSTOWN STATE	20-29
O. 21	@INDIANA STATE	44-21
O. 28	Southwest Missouri State	29-17
N. 4	@CAL POLY	42-21
N. 11	Prairie View*	
N. 18	Western Illinois*	27-46

Coach: Mike Dunbar **Colors:** Purple & Old Gold
Nickname: Panthers **1999 Record:** 8-3

Northwestern Evanston, IL

A. 31	Northern Illinois*	
S. 9	Duke	15-12 (OT)
S. 16	@TEXAS CHRISTIAN*	17-7
S. 23	@WISCONSIN	19-35
S. 30	@MICHIGAN STATE	0-34
O. 7	Indiana	17-34
O. 14	Purdue	23-31
O. 28	@MINNESOTA	14-33
N. 4	Michigan	3-37
N. 11	@IOWA	23-21
N. 18	Illinois	7-29

Coach: Randy Walker **Colors:** Purple & White
Nickname: Wildcats **1999 Record:** 3-8

Northwestern State Natchitoches, LA

S. 2	Southern University*	13-20
S. 9	@CENTRAL FLORIDA*	
S. 23	@LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE*	
S. 30	Gardner-Webb*	
O. 7	Troy State*	21-24
O. 14	@NICHOLLS STATE	42-17
O. 21	McNeese State	17-20
O. 28	@SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE	36-21
N. 4	@JACKSONVILLE STATE	35-7
N. 11	Sam Houston State	0-21
N. 18	@STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	14-29

Coach: TBA **Colors:** Purple & White
Nickname: Demons **1999 Record:** 4-7

Notre Dame Notre Dame, IN

S. 2	Texas A&M	
S. 9	Nebraska	
S. 16	Purdue	23-28
S. 23	@MICHIGAN STATE	13-23
O. 7	Stanford	37-40
O. 14	@NAVY (at Orlando)	28-24
O. 21	@WEST VIRGINIA	
O. 28	Air Force	
N. 11	Boston College	29-31
N. 18	@RUTGERS	
N. 25	@SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	25-24

Coach: Bob Davie **Colors:** Gold & Blue
Nickname: Fighting Irish **1999 Record:** 5-7

Ohio Athens, OH

A. 31	@IOWA STATE	
S. 9	@MINNESOTA	7-33
S. 16	Tennessee Tech*	
S. 23	Akron	28-41
S. 30	@WESTERN MICHIGAN	
O. 7	Buffalo	45-6
O. 14	@KENT	31-3
O. 21	Central Michigan	
N. 4	@MIAMI (OH)	40-28
N. 11	@BOWLING GREEN	17-14
N. 18	Marshall	3-34

Coach: Jim Grobe **Colors:** Green & White
Nickname: Bobcats **1999 Record:** 5-6

Ohio State Columbus, OH

S. 2	Fresno State	
S. 9	@ARIZONA	
S. 16	Miami (OH)	
S. 23	Penn State	10-23
O. 7	@WISCONSIN	17-42
O. 14	Minnesota	20-17
O. 21	@IOWA	41-11
O. 28	@PURDUE	25-22
N. 4	Michigan State	7-23
N. 11	@ILLINOIS	20-46
N. 18	Michigan	17-24

Coach: John Cooper **Colors:** Scarlet & Gray
Nickname: Buckeyes **1999 Record:** 6-6

Oklahoma Norman, OK

S. 2	UTEP*	
S. 9	Arkansas State*	
S. 23	Rice	
S. 30	Kansas	
O. 7	Texas (at Dallas)	28-38
O. 14	@KANSAS STATE	
O. 28	Nebraska*	
N. 4	@BAYLOR	41-10
N. 11	@TEXAS A&M	51-6
N. 18	Texas Tech	28-38
N. 25	@OKLAHOMA STATE	44-7

Coach: Bob Stoops **Colors:** Crimson & Cream
Nickname: Sooners **1999 Record:** 7-4

Oklahoma State Stillwater, OK

S. 9	@TULSA	46-9
S. 16	Southwest Texas State	
S. 23	Southern Mississippi	
S. 30	@TEXAS	21-34
O. 7	@MISSOURI	
O. 14	Iowa State	
O. 28	@COLORADO	
N. 4	Texas A&M	3-21
N. 11	@TEXAS TECH	41-21
N. 18	Baylor	34-14
N. 25	Oklahoma	7-44

Coach: Bob Simmons **Colors:** Orange & Black
Nickname: Cowboys **1999 Record:** 5-6

Oregon Eugene, OR

S. 2	Nevada	72-10
S. 9	@WISCONSIN	
S. 16	Idaho	
S. 23	UCLA	29-34
S. 30	Washington	20-34
O. 14	@SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 33-30 (OT)	
O. 21	Arizona	44-41
O. 28	@ARIZONA STATE	20-17
N. 4	@WASHINGTON STATE	52-10
N. 11	California	24-19
N. 18	@OREGON STATE	25-14

Coach: Mike Bellotti **Colors:** Green & Yellow
Nickname: Ducks **1999 Record:** 8-3

Oregon State Corvallis, OR

S. 2	Eastern Washington	
S. 9	@NEW MEXICO	
S. 23	San Diego State	
S. 30	Southern California	29-37
O. 7	@WASHINGTON	21-47
O. 14	Stanford	17-21
O. 21	@UCLA	55-7
O. 28	Washington State	27-13
N. 4	@CALIFORNIA	17-7
N. 11	@ARIZONA*	28-20
N. 18	Oregon	14-25

Coach: Dennis Erickson **Colors:** Orange & Black
Nickname: Beavers **1999 Record:** 7-4

Penn State University Park, PA

A. 27	@SOUTHERN CAL (at Meadowlands)	
S. 2	Toledo	
S. 9	Louisiana Tech	
S. 16	@PITTSBURGH	20-17
S. 23	@OHIO STATE	23-10
S. 30	Purdue	31-25
O. 7	@MINNESOTA	23-24
O. 21	Illinois	27-7
O. 28	@INDIANA* (at Indianapolis)	45-24
N. 4	Iowa	31-7
N. 11	@MICHIGAN	27-31
N. 18	Michigan State	28-35

Coach: Joe Paterno **Colors:** Blue & White
Nickname: Nittany Lions **1999 Record:** 9-3

Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA

S. 16	@LEHIGH	
S. 23	Lafayette	
S. 30	Dartmouth	17-6
O. 7	@HOLY CROSS	
O. 14	Columbia	41-17
O. 21	@YALE	19-23
O. 28	Brown	37-44
N. 4	@PRINCETON	41-13
N. 11	Harvard	21-17
N. 18	@CORNELL	12-20

Coach: Al Bagnoli **Colors:** Red & Blue
Nickname: Quakers **1999 Record:** 5-5

Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, PA

S. 2	Kent	30-23
S. 9	@BOWLING GREEN	30-10
S. 16	Penn State	17-20
S. 23	Rutgers	38-15
O. 7	@SYRACUSE	17-24
O. 21	Boston College	16-20
O. 28	@VIRGINIA TECH	17-30
N. 4	North Carolina	
N. 11	@MIAMI (FL)	3-33
N. 18	@TEMPLE	55-24
N. 24	West Virginia	21-52

Coach: Walt Harris **Colors:** Blue & Gold
Nickname: Panthers **1999 Record:** 5-6

Portland State Portland, OR

S. 2	Western Washington*	48-28
S. 9	@HAWAII*	
S. 16	@SACRAMENTO STATE*	14-41
S. 30	@NORTHERN ARIZONA	24-40
O. 7	Hofstra*	
O. 14	Idaho State*	52-13
O. 21	@WEBER STATE	31-14
O. 28	Montana*	51-48 (OT)
N. 4	@MONTANA STATE	49-28
N. 11	Eastern Washington*	48-39
N. 18	Cal State Northridge*	34-21

Coach: Tim Walsh **Colors:** Forest Green & White
Nickname: Vikings **1999 Record:** 8-3

Prairie View A&M Prairie View, TX

S. 2	@TEXAS SOUTHERN*	0-34
S. 9	McNeese State*	
S. 16	@SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY*	0-42
S. 23	Alabama A&M*	3-27
S. 30	@GRAMBLING* (at Dallas)	19-47
O. 7	Alcorn State*	0-61
O. 14	Alabama State	27-42
O. 21	@ILLINOIS STATE	
O. 28	@MISSISSIPPI VALLEY	12-14
N. 4	@ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF	6-30
N. 11	@NORTHERN IOWA*	

Coach: Clifton Gilliard **Colors:** Purple & Gold
Nickname: Panthers **1999 Record:** 2-8

Princeton Princeton, NJ

S. 16	@LAFAYETTE	22-10
S. 23	Lehigh	0-31
S. 30	@COLUMBIA	44-15
O. 7	@COLGATE	
O. 14	Brown	30-53
O. 21	Harvard	6-13
O. 28	@CORNELL	3-20
N. 4	Pennsylvania	13-41
N. 11	@YALE	21-23
N. 18	Dartmouth	18-19

Coach: Roger Hughes **Colors:** Orange & Black
Nickname: Tigers **1999 Record:** 3-7

Purdue West Lafayette, IN

S. 2	Central Michigan	58-16
S. 9	Kent	
S. 16	@NOTRE DAME	28-23
S. 23	Minnesota	33-28
S. 30	@PENN STATE	25-31
O. 7	Michigan	12-38
O. 14	@NORTHWESTERN	31-23
O. 21	@WISCONSIN	21-28
O. 28	Ohio State	22-25
N. 11	@MICHIGAN STATE	52-28
N. 18	Indiana	30-24

Coach: Joe Tiller **Colors:** Old Gold & Black
Nickname: Boilermakers **1999 Record:** 7-4

Rhode Island Kingston, RI

S. 2	Delaware	0-35
S. 9	@NEW HAMPSHIRE	14-37
S. 23	@HOFSTRA*	13-28
S. 30	Brown	25-27
O. 7	@WILLIAM & MARY	6-24
O. 14	James Madison	
O. 21	@NORTHEASTERN	10-20
O. 28	@MAINE	23-14
N. 4	Richmond	38-41
N. 11	@CONNECTICUT	9-20
N. 18	Massachusetts	9-31

Coach: Tim Stowers **Colors:** Blue & White
Nickname: Rams **1999 Record:** 1-10

Rice Houston, TX

S. 2	Houston*	3-28
S. 9	@MICHIGAN	3-37
S. 16	Tulsa	20-10
S. 23	@OKLAHOMA	
S. 30	@SAN JOSE STATE	49-7
O. 7	Fresno State	18-47
O. 21	Hawaii	38-19
O. 28	@TEXAS CHRISTIAN	42-21
N. 4	Southern Methodist	2-27
N. 11	@UTEP*	29-30
N. 18	@NEVADA	

Coach: Ken Hatfield **Colors:** Blue & Gray
Nickname: Owls **1999 Record:** 5-6

Richmond Richmond, VA

S. 2	Bucknell*	
S. 9	@VIRGINIA	
S. 16	Massachusetts	6-33
S. 30	@ARKANSAS STATE*	
O. 7	Delaware	33-41
O. 14	@NEW HAMPSHIRE	27-17
O. 21	Maine	14-21
O. 28	@VILLANOVA	30-35
N. 4	@RHODE ISLAND	41-38
N. 11	James Madison	13-31
N. 18	@WILLIAM & MARY	14-31

Coach: Jim Reid **Colors:** Red & Blue
Nickname: Spiders **1999 Record:** 5-6

Robert Morris Moon Township, PA

S. 2	Buffalo State	20-32
S. 16	Monmouth (NJ)	34-16
S. 30	@ST. FRANCIS (PA)	49-0
O. 7	St. John's (NY)	
O. 14	@DAYTON	34-7
O. 21	Central Connecticut State	27-24
O. 28	@WAGNER	23-21
N. 4	@SACRED HEART	48-0
N. 11	Albany (NY)	30-20
N. 18	@STONY BROOK	50-19

Coach: Joe Walton **Colors:** Blue & White
Nickname: Colonials 1999 Record: 8-2

Rutgers Piscataway, NJ

S. 2	Villanova	
S. 9	Buffalo	
S. 16	@VIRGINIA TECH	20-58
S. 23	@PITTSBURGH	15-38
S. 30	Miami (FL)	0-55
O. 14	Temple	28-56
O. 21	@NAVY	7-34
O. 28	@BOSTON COLLEGE	7-27
N. 11	West Virginia	16-62
N. 18	Notre Dame	
N. 25	@SYRACUSE	24-21 (OT)

Coach: Terry Shea **Colors:** Scarlet
Nickname: Scarlet Knights 1999 Record: 1-10

Sacramento State Sacramento, CA

S. 2	@ST. MARY'S (CA)	41-7
S. 9	Cal Poly	31-26
S. 16	Portland State	41-14
S. 23	@IDAHO STATE	41-20
S. 30	Weber State	49-52
O. 7	@MONTANA	38-41 (OT)
O. 14	Montana State	41-10
O. 21	@EASTERN WASHINGTON	21-26
O. 28	@CALIFORNIA-DAVIS	48-27
N. 4	Cal State Northridge	14-36
N. 11	@NORTHERN ARIZONA	49-51 (OT)

Coach: John Volek **Colors:** Green & Gold
Nickname: Hornets 1999 Record: 6-5

Sacred Heart Fairfield, CT

S. 2	Assumption	13-32
S. 9	Bryant College	
S. 16	Central Connecticut State	12-37
S. 23	@ST. JOHN'S (NY)	
S. 30	@MONMOUTH (NJ)	17-37
O. 14	@STONY BROOK	21-48
O. 21	Albany (NY)	0-41
O. 28	Iona	0-24
N. 4	Robert Morris	0-48
N. 11	@ST. FRANCIS (PA)	23-24
N. 18	Wagner	0-33

Coach: Jim Fleming **Colors:** Red & White
Nickname: Pioneers 1999 Record: 2-9

Sam Houston State Huntsville, TX

S. 2	@LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	
S. 7	Southeastern Oklahoma	
S. 16	@WESTERN ILLINOIS	
S. 23	Texas A&M-Kingsville	34-24
O. 7	@JACKSONVILLE STATE	51-17
O. 14	@STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	31-45
O. 21	Troy State	16-41
O. 28	McNeese State	20-3
N. 4	@NICHOLLS STATE	69-17
N. 11	@NORTHWESTERN STATE	21-0
N. 18	Southwest Texas State	14-20

Coach: Ron Randleman **Colors:** Orange & White
Nickname: Bearkats 1999 Record: 6-5

Samford Birmingham, AL

A. 31	@CHATTANOOGA	27-29
S. 7	Murray State	27-34
S. 14	Tennessee-Martin	32-7
S. 21	@JACKSONVILLE STATE	34-18
S. 30	Nicholls State	28-24
O. 5	@NORTH TEXAS	
O. 14	@ELON	31-34 (OT)
O. 21	Gardner-Webb	
O. 28	@LIBERTY	35-28
N. 4	Charleston Southern	
N. 9	@TENNESSEE TECH	19-15

Coach: Pete Hurt **Colors:** Red & Blue
Nickname: Bulldogs 1999 Record: 7-4

San Diego San Diego, CA

S. 2	Azusa Pacific	19-26 (OT)
S. 9	@WHITTIER	40-13
S. 16	@BROWN	
S. 23	Menlo	
S. 30	@DRAKE	20-41
O. 7	Central Connecticut State	
O. 14	Davidson	
O. 21	@BUTLER	42-14
O. 28	Valparaiso	7-14
N. 11	Dayton	0-41

Coach: Kevin McGary **Colors:** Blue & White
Nickname: Toreros 1999 Record: 5-5

San Diego State San Diego, CA

A. 31	Arizona State	
S. 9	Illinois	10-38
S. 16	@ARIZONA	
S. 23	@OREGON STATE	
O. 7	@WYOMING	39-7
O. 14	Utah	16-38
O. 21	@BRIGHAM YOUNG	7-30
O. 28	Colorado State	17-10
N. 4	@NEW MEXICO	21-24
N. 18	@AIR FORCE	22-23
N. 25	UNLV	37-7

Coach: Ted Tollner **Colors:** Scarlet & Black
Nickname: Aztecs 1999 Record: 5-6

San Jose State San Jose, CA

S. 2	@NEBRASKA	
S. 9	@STANFORD	44-39
S. 16	Southern Utah	
S. 23	@SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	
S. 30	Rice	7-49
O. 7	@SOUTHERN METHODIST	
O. 14	UTEP	26-42
O. 21	@NEVADA	
O. 28	@HAWAII	41-62
N. 4	Texas Christian	0-42
N. 18	@TULSA	34-10
N. 25	Fresno State	12-63

Coach: Dave Baldwin **Colors:** Gold & Blue
Nickname: Spartans 1999 Record: 3-7

Siena Loudonville, NY

S. 9	Hartwick	
S. 16	@KUTZTOWN	
S. 23	@LA SALLE	7-17
S. 30	@ST. PETER'S	32-11
O. 7	Fairfield	0-27
O. 21	@CANISIUS	38-6
O. 28	@ST. ANSELMI	
N. 4	Duquesne	17-49
N. 11	@IONA	14-0
N. 18	Marist	7-29

Coach: Jay Bateman **Colors:** Green & Gold
Nickname: Saints 1999 Record: 3-7

South Carolina Columbia, SC

S. 2	New Mexico State	
S. 9	Georgia	9-24
S. 16	Eastern Michigan	
S. 23	Mississippi State	0-17
S. 30	@ALABAMA	
O. 7	@KENTUCKY	10-30
O. 14	Arkansas	14-48
O. 21	@VANDERBILT	10-11
O. 28	Tennessee	7-30
N. 11	@FLORIDA	3-20
N. 18	@CLEMSON	21-31

Coach: Lou Holtz **Colors:** Garnet & Black
Nickname: Gamecocks 1999 Record: 0-11

South Carolina State Orangeburg, SC

S. 2	Benedict	26-23
S. 9	Savannah State	
S. 16	@FLORIDA A&M (at Jacksonville)	17-76
S. 30	@CITADEL	14-20
O. 7	@NORFOLK STATE	27-23
O. 14	@BETHUNE-COOKMAN	27-30 (OT)
O. 21	Hampton	27-39
O. 28	@DELAWARE STATE	34-14
N. 4	Howard	42-49
N. 11	Morgan State	
N. 18	N.C. A&T (at Charlotte)	7-27

Coach: Willie Jeffries **Colors:** Garnet & Blue
Nickname: Bulldogs 1999 Record: 4-6

South Florida Tampa, FL

S. 2	Jacksonville State	
S. 9	@KENTUCKY	
S. 16	James Madison	3-13
S. 23	@BAYLOR	
S. 30	Troy State	24-41
O. 7	@SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	
O. 21	Liberty	28-0
O. 28	@CONNECTICUT	
N. 4	Western Kentucky	21-6
N. 11	@MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE	
N. 18	Austin Peay	

Coach: Jim Leavitt **Colors:** Green & Gold
Nickname: Bulls 1999 Record: 7-4

Southeast Missouri St. Cape Girardeau, MO

A. 31	@MARSHALL	
S. 9	@SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	25-43
S. 16	Illinois State	7-55
S. 23	Western Kentucky	10-21
S. 30	@EASTERN KENTUCKY	28-37
O. 7	@TENNESSEE TECH	7-21
O. 21	Murray State	18-45
O. 28	Tennessee-Martin	36-7
N. 4	@EASTERN ILLINOIS	45-38
N. 11	@SOUTHWEST MISSOURI ST.	28-23
N. 18	@TENNESSEE STATE	28-35

Coach: Tim Billings **Colors:** Red & Black
Nickname: Indians 1999 Record: 3-8

Southern California Los Angeles, CA

A. 27	Penn State (at Meadowlands)	
S. 9	Colorado	
S. 23	San Jose State	
S. 30	@OREGON STATE	37-29
O. 7	Arizona	24-31
O. 14	Oregon	30-33 (OT)
O. 21	@STANFORD	31-35
O. 28	California	7-17
N. 4	@ARIZONA STATE	16-26
N. 11	Washington State	31-28
N. 18	@UCLA	17-7
N. 25	Notre Dame	24-25

Coach: Paul Hackett **Colors:** Cardinal & Gold
Nickname: Trojans 1999 Record: 6-6

Southern Illinois Carbondale, IL

A. 31	@MURRAY STATE	58-51
S. 9	Southeast Missouri State	43-25
S. 16	Northern Iowa	14-34
S. 23	@KANSAS	
O. 7	Western Illinois	27-68
O. 14	Drake	
O. 21	@SOUTHWEST MISSOURI ST.	52-49
O. 28	@ILLINOIS STATE	48-55
N. 4	Indiana State	45-66
N. 11	@YOUNGSTOWN STATE	37-43 (OT)
N. 18	@WESTERN KENTUCKY	52-14

Coach: Jan Quarless **Colors:** Maroon & White
Nickname: Salukis 1999 Record: 5-6

Southern Methodist Dallas, TX

S. 2	Kansas	9-27
S. 9	@UTEP	28-42
S. 16	@NORTH CAROLINA STATE	
S. 23	Tulane	19-53
S. 30	@HOUSTON	
O. 7	San Jose State	
O. 14	Nevada	0-20
O. 28	Nevada	
N. 4	@RICE	27-2
N. 11	Tulsa	28-14
N. 18	@FRESNO STATE	24-14
N. 25	Texas Christian	0-21

Coach: Mike Cavan **Colors:** Red & Blue
Nickname: Mustangs 1999 Record: 4-6

Southern Mississippi Hattiesburg, MS

S. 2	@TENNESSEE	
S. 16	@ALABAMA	14-35
S. 23	@OKLAHOMA STATE	
S. 30	Memphis	20-5
O. 7	South Florida	
O. 14	@TULANE	48-14
O. 28	@HOUSTON	
N. 4	Louisville	30-27
N. 11	@UAB	
N. 18	@CINCINNATI	28-20
N. 25	East Carolina	39-22

Coach: Jeff Bower **Colors:** Black & Gold
Nickname: Golden Eagles 1999 Record: 8-3

Southern University Baton Rouge, LA

S. 2	@NORTHWESTERN STATE	20-13
S. 9	@ARK-P.B. (at Laramie, WY)	17-9
S. 16	Prairie View	42-0
S. 23	Jackson State (at New Orleans)	31-30
S. 30	Alabama State	36-13
O. 7	@ALABAMA A&M	29-12
O. 21	@ALCORN STATE	28-6
O. 28	Morris Brown	
N. 4	Florida A&M	18-65
N. 11	Texas Southern	23-14
N. 25	Grambling (at New Orleans)	37-31

Coach: Pete Richardson **Colors:** Blue & Gold
Nickname: Jaguars 1999 Record: 11-1

Southern Utah Cedar City, UT

S. 2	Fort Lewis	50-7
S. 9	@UTAH STATE	
S. 16	@SAN JOSE STATE	
S. 23	@HAMPTON	
S. 30	Cal Poly	10-38
O. 14	@CALIFORNIA-DAVIS	9-24
O. 21	@IDAHO STATE	63-47
O. 28	St. Mary's (CA)	57-22
N. 4	Rocky Mountain	
N. 11	Morehead State	51-33
N. 18	@NORTHERN ARIZONA	

Coach: Ray Gregory **Colors:** Scarlet & Blue
Nickname: Thunderbirds 1999 Record: 8-3

Southwest Missouri State Springfield, MO

S. 2	@ARKANSAS	
S. 9	Missouri Southern State	
S. 16	@MCNEESE STATE	
S. 30	Youngstown State	14-17
O. 7	@INDIANA STATE	31-14
O. 14	Western Illinois	27-17
O. 21	Southern Illinois	49-52
O. 28	@NORTHERN IOWA	17-29
N. 4	Tennessee-Martin	62-7
N. 11	Southeast Missouri State	23-28
N. 18	@ILLINOIS STATE	42-46

Coach: Randy Ball **Colors:** Maroon & White
Nickname: Bears 1999 Record: 5-6

Southwest Texas State San Marcos, TX

A. 31	Midwestern State	45-3
S. 9	Cal State Northridge	
S. 16	@OKLAHOMA STATE	
S. 30	@LOUISIANA-MONROE	
O. 7	Nicholls State	16-0
O. 14	@TROY STATE	17-24
O. 21	Jacksonville State	10-17
O. 28	Northwestern State	21-36
N. 4	@MCNEESE STATE	7-10
N. 11	Stephen F. Austin	17-28
N. 18	@SAM HOUSTON STATE	20-14

Coach: Bob DeBesse **Colors:** Maroon & Gold
Nickname: Bobcats 1999 Record: 3-8

St. Francis (PA) Loretto, PA

S. 2	La Salle	7-44
S. 9	St. John's (NY)	0-35
S. 16	@BUTLER	7-21
S. 23	Stony Brook	6-24
S. 30	Robert Morris	0-49
O. 7	@ALBANY (NY)	17-55
O. 14	@MONMOUTH (NJ)	9-20
O. 21	Wagner	13-45
N. 4	@CENTRAL CONNECTICUT ST.	13-35
N. 11	Sacred Heart	24-23
N. 18	@ST. PETER'S	21-8

Coach: David Jaumotte **Colors:** Red & White
Nickname: Red Flash 1999 Record: 2-9

St. John's Jamaica, NY

S. 9	@ST. FRANCIS (PA)	35-0
S. 16	@STONY BROOK	6-28
S. 23	Sacred Heart	
O. 7	@ROBERT MORRIS	
O. 14	Albany (NY)	
O. 21	@ST. PETER'S	31-0
O. 28	La Salle	21-10
N. 4	@WAGNER	
N. 10	Monmouth (NJ)	
N. 18	@IONA	47-33

Coach: Bob Ricca **Colors:** Red & White
Nickname: Red Storm 1999 Record: 7-4

St. Mary's Moraga, CA

S. 2	Sacramento State	7-41
S. 9	Western Washington	7-20
S. 16	@HUMBOLDT STATE*	40-3
S. 23	Central Washington	7-27
S. 30	@CALIFORNIA-DAVIS*	14-28
O. 7	@CAL POLY*	21-24
O. 14	Menlo	
O. 21	@COLGATE	13-43
O. 28	@SOUTHERN UTAH	22-57
N. 4	Townson	
N. 11	Drake	7-38

Coach: Tim Landis **Colors:** Red & Blue
Nickname: Gaels 1999 Record: 2-9

St. Peter's Jersey City, NJ

S. 9	Marist*	0-20
S. 16	@CANISIUS	33-22
S. 22	Pace*	
S. 30	Siena*	11-32
O. 7	@IONA	15-20
O. 14	@FAIRFIELD	18-45
O. 21	St. John's (NY)*	0-31
O. 28	Duquesne	6-51
N. 4	La Salle*	13-35
N. 11	@GEORGETOWN	3-14
N. 18	St. Francis (PA)*	8-21

Coach: Rob Stern **Colors:** Blue & White
Nickname: Peacocks 1999 Record: 1-10

Stanford Stanford, CA

S. 2	@WASHINGTON STATE	54-17
S. 9	San Jose State*	39-44
S. 16	Texas	17-69
S. 30	Arizona	50-22
O. 7	@NOTRE DAME	40-37
O. 14	@OREGON STATE	21-17
O. 21	Southern California	35-31
O. 28	Washington	30-35
N. 4	@UCLA	42-32
N. 11	Arizona State	50-30
N. 18	@CALIFORNIA	31-13

Coach: Tyrone Willingham **Colors:** Cardinal & White
Nickname: Cardinal 1999 Record: 8-3

Stephen F. Austin Nacogdoches, TX

A. 31	Central Oklahoma*	
S. 9	Texas A&M-Commerce*	
S. 16	@LOUISIANA TECH*	
S. 23	@NORTHERN IOWA	
O. 7	@MCNEESE STATE*	40-14
O. 14	Sam Houston State	45-31
O. 21	@NICHOLLS STATE*	38-7
O. 28	@JACKSONVILLE STATE	33-16
N. 4	Troy State	7-27
N. 11	@SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE	28-17
N. 18	Northwestern State	29-14

Coach: Mike Santiago **Colors:** Purple & White
Nickname: Lumberjacks 1999 Record: 8-3

Stony Brook Stony Brook, NY

S. 9	Southern Connecticut State	
S. 16	St. John's (NY)	28-6
S. 23	@ST. FRANCIS (PA)	24-6
S. 30	Albany (NY)	21-44
O. 7	@WAGNER	12-24
O. 14	Sacred Heart	48-21
O. 21	@MONMOUTH (NJ)	7-3
O. 28	@JACKSONVILLE	
N. 11	@CENTRAL CONNECTICUT ST.	27-14
N. 18	Robert Morris	19-50

Coach: Sam Kornhauser **Colors:** Scarlet & Grey
Nickname: Seawolves 1999 Record: 5-5

Syracuse Syracuse, NY

S. 2	Buffalo	
S. 9	@CINCINNATI	
S. 23	@EAST CAROLINA	
S. 30	Brigham Young	
O. 7	Pittsburgh	24-17
O. 14	@BOSTON COLLEGE	23-24
O. 21	Virginia Tech	0-62
N. 4	@WEST VIRGINIA	30-7
N. 11	@TEMPLE	27-10
N. 18	Miami (FL)*	13-45
N. 25	Rutgers	21-24 (OT)

Coach: Paul Pasqualoni **Colors:** Orange
Nickname: Orangemen 1999 Record: 6-5

Temple Philadelphia, PA

S. 2	@NAVY*	
S. 9	@MARYLAND*	0-6
S. 16	Bowling Green	
S. 23	Eastern Michigan	
S. 28	West Virginia	17-20
O. 7	@VIRGINIA TECH	7-62
O. 14	@RUTGERS	56-28
O. 21	Miami (FL)	0-55
N. 4	@BOSTON COLLEGE	24-14
N. 11	Syracuse	10-27
N. 18	Pittsburgh	24-55

Coach: Bobby Wallace **Colors:** Cherry & White
Nickname: Owls 1999 Record: 2-9

Tennessee Knoxville, TN

S. 2	Southern Mississippi	
S. 16	Florida	21-23
S. 23	Louisiana-Monroe	
S. 30	@LSU	
O. 7	@GEORGIA	37-20
O. 21	Alabama	21-7
O. 28	@SOUTH CAROLINA	30-7
N. 4	@MEMPHIS	17-16
N. 11	Arkansas	24-28
N. 18	Kentucky	56-21
N. 25	@VANDERBILT	38-10

Coach: Phillip Fulmer **Colors:** Orange & White
Nickname: Volunteers 1999 Record: 9-2

Tennessee State Nashville, TN

S. 2	Alabama State*	41-8
S. 9	North Carolina A&T	10-24
S. 16	@JACKSON STATE	48-33
S. 23	Florida A&M (at Atlanta)	42-25
O. 7	@EASTERN ILLINOIS	43-25
O. 14	Tennessee-Martin*	43-7
O. 21	Western Kentucky*	28-21
O. 28	@EASTERN KENTUCKY	33-28
N. 4	@TENNESSEE TECH	25-19
N. 11	@MURRAY STATE	42-41
N. 18	Southeast Missouri State	35-28

Coach: James Reese **Colors:** Blue & White
Nickname: Tigers 1999 Record: 11-1

Tennessee Tech Cookeville, TN

S. 9	Harding*	
S. 16	@OHIO*	
S. 23	@EASTERN KENTUCKY*	20-23 (OT)
S. 30	Tennessee-Martin	45-9
O. 7	Southeast Missouri State	21-7
O. 14	@WESTERN KENTUCKY	23-10
O. 21	Eastern Illinois	14-7
O. 28	@MURRAY STATE	11-22
N. 4	Tennessee State	19-25
N. 9	Samford*	15-19
N. 18	@WESTERN CAROLINA	

Coach: Mike Hennigan **Colors:** Purple & Gold
Nickname: Golden Eagles 1999 Record: 5-5

Tennessee-Martin Martin, TN

A. 31	Lambuth*	25-19 (OT)
S. 9	@WESTERN KENTUCKY	10-34
S. 14	@SAMFORD*	7-32
S. 23	Eastern Illinois	21-42
S. 30	@TENNESSEE TECH	9-45
O. 7	Murray State	14-62
O. 14	@TENNESSEE STATE*	7-43
O. 21	Eastern Kentucky	7-54
O. 28	@SOUTHEAST MISSOURI ST.*	7-36
N. 4	@SOUTHWEST MISSOURI ST.	7-62
N. 11	Wingale	

Coach: Sam McCorkle **Colors:** Orange & Blue
Nickname: Skyhawks 1999 Record: 1-10

Texas Austin, TX

S. 9	Louisiana-Lafayette	
S. 16	@STANFORD	69-17
S. 23	Houston	
S. 30	Oklahoma State	34-21
O. 7	@OKLAHOMA (at Dallas)	38-28
O. 14	@COLORADO	
O. 21	Missouri	162-0
O. 28	Baylor	58-7
N. 4	@TEXAS TECH	
N. 11	@KANSAS	
N. 24	Texas A&M	16-20

Coach: Mack Brown **Colors:** White & Orange
Nickname: Longhorns 1999 Record: 9-4

Texas A&M College Station, TX

S. 2	@NOTRE DAME	
S. 9	Wyoming*	
S. 16	UTEP*	
S. 30	Texas Tech	19-21
O. 7	Colorado	
O. 14	@BAYLOR	45-13
O. 21	@IOWA STATE	
O. 28	Kansas State	
N. 4	@OKLAHOMA STATE	21-3
N. 11	Oklahoma	6-51
N. 24	@TEXAS	20-16

Coach: R. C. Slocum **Colors:** Maroon & White
Nickname: Aggies 1999 Record: 8-3

Texas Christian Fort Worth, TX

S. 9	@NEVADA	
S. 16	Northwestern*	7-17
S. 23	Arkansas State*	24-21
S. 30	@NAVY	
O. 7	Hawaii*	34-14
O. 21	@TULSA	56-17
O. 28	Rice	21-42
N. 4	@SAN JOSE STATE	42-0
N. 11	Fresno State	19-26 (OT)
N. 18	UTEP	52-24
N. 25	@SOUTHERN METHODIST*	21-0

Coach: Dennis Franchione **Colors:** Purple & White
Nickname: Horned Frogs 1999 Record: 7-4

Texas Tech Lubbock, TX

S. 2	Utah State	
S. 9	North Texas*	14-21
S. 16	Louisiana-Lafayette	38-17
S. 30	@TEXAS A&M	21-19
O. 7	Baylor	35-7
O. 14	Nebraska*	
O. 21	@KANSAS STATE	
O. 28	@KANSAS	
N. 4	Texas	7-58
N. 11	Oklahoma State	21-41
N. 18	@OKLAHOMA	38-28

Coach: Mike Leach **Colors:** Scarlet & Black
Nickname: Red Raiders 1999 Record: 6-5

Toledo Toledo, OH

S. 2	@PENN STATE	
S. 9	Weber State*	
S. 16	Eastern Illinois*	
S. 23	@WESTERN MICHIGAN*	45-21
S. 30	Central Michigan*	32-13
O. 7	@EASTERN MICHIGAN	13-20
O. 14	Marshall*	13-38
O. 28	@NAVY	
N. 4	@NORTHERN ILLINOIS	44-14
N. 11	Ball State	23-10
N. 22	Bowling Green	23-34

Coach: Gary Pinkel **Colors:** Blue & Gold
Nickname: Rockets 1999 Record: 6-5

Towson Towson, MD

S. 2	@FORDHAM	25-23
S. 9	@LAFAYETTE	35-7
S. 16	Morgan State	22-28
S. 23	@HOLY CROSS	14-0
S. 30	Colgate	14-38
O. 7	Lehigh	39-44
O. 14	Howard	49-33
O. 28	@MONMOUTH (NJ)	34-7
N. 4	@ST. MARY'S (CA)	
N. 11	Bucknell	27-20
N. 18	@DRAKE	

Coach: Gordy Combs **Colors:** Gold & Black
Nickname: Tigers 1999 Record: 7-4

Troy State Troy, AL

S. 2	@ALABAMA A&M*	
S. 9	@APPALACHIAN STATE*	
S. 16	Alabama State*	27-20
S. 30	@SOUTH FLORIDA	41-24
O. 7	@NORTHWESTERN STATE*	24-21
O. 14	Southwest Texas State	24-17
O. 21	@SAM HOUSTON STATE	41-16
O. 28	Nicholls State	20-0
N. 4	@STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	27-7
N. 11	McNeese State	7-24
N. 18	@JACKSONVILLE STATE	35-16

Coach: Larry Blakeney **Colors:** Cardinal & Black
Nickname: Trojans 1999 Record: 11-2

Tulane New Orleans, LA

S. 2	@MISSISSIPPI	13-20
S. 16	@EAST CAROLINA	7-52
S. 23	@SOUTHERN METHODIST*	53-19
S. 30	Cincinnati	
O. 7	@LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	48-32
O. 14	Southern Mississippi	14-48
O. 21	@ARMY	48-28
O. 28	@LOUISVILLE	
N. 4	Houston	31-36
N. 11	Navy	21-45
N. 18	Memphis	7-49

Coach: Chris Scello **Colors:** Olive Green & Blue
Nickname: Green Wave 1999 Record: 3-8

Tulsa Tulsa, OK

S. 2	@NORTH CAROLINA	
S. 9	Oklahoma State	9-46
S. 16	@RICE	10-20
S. 23	Louisiana Tech*	
S. 30	@HAWAII*	21-35
O. 7	UTEP	43-19
O. 14	@NEW MEXICO STATE*	
O. 21	Texas Christian	17-56
O. 28	@FRESNO STATE	14-28
N. 11	@SOUTHERN METHODIST*	14-28
N. 18	San Jose State	10-34
N. 25	Nevada	

Coach: Keith Burns **Colors:** Crimson & Gold
Nickname: Golden Hurricane 1999 Record: 2-9

UAB Birmingham, AL

S. 7	Chattanooga*	
S. 16	@KANSAS*	
S. 23	@LSU	
S. 30	Louisiana-Lafayette	
O. 7	Louisville	14-23
O. 14	Memphis	14-38
O. 21	Middle Tennessee State	
O. 28	@EAST CAROLINA	36-17
N. 4	@CINCINNATI	24-21 (OT)
N. 11	Southern Mississippi	
N. 18	@ARMY	

Coach: Watson Brown **Colors:** Green & Gold
Nickname: Blazers 1999 Record: 5-6

UCLA Los Angeles, CA

S. 2	Alabama*	
S. 9	Fresno State*	35-21
S. 16	Michigan	
S. 23	@OREGON	34-29
S. 30	Arizona State	27-28
O. 14	@CALIFORNIA	0-17
O. 21	Oregon State	7-55
O. 28	@ARIZONA	7-33
N. 4	Stanford	32-42
N. 11	@WASHINGTON	23-20 (OT)
N. 18	Southern California	7-17

Coach: Bob Toledo **Colors:** Blue & Gold
Nickname: Bruins 1999 Record: 4-7

UNLV Las Vegas, NV

S. 9	@IOWA STATE	0-24
S. 16	North Texas*	26-3
S. 23	@BRIGHAM YOUNG	0-29
S. 30	Air Force*	16-35
O. 7	Nevada*	12-26
O. 14	@COLORADO STATE	17-35
O. 21	Wyoming	35-32
O. 28	@MISSISSIPPI	
N. 4	@UTAH	14-52
N. 11	New Mexico	6-27
N. 25	@SAN DIEGO STATE	7-37
D. 2	@HAWAII*	

Coach: John Robinson **Colors:** Scarlet & Gray
Nickname: Rebels 1999 Record: 3-8

Utah Salt Lake City, UT

S. 2	Arizona	
S. 9	@CALIFORNIA	
S. 16	Washington State	27-7
S. 23	Air Force	21-15
S. 30	@UTAH STATE	38-18
O. 14	@SAN DIEGO STATE	38-16
O. 21	Colorado State	24-31
O. 28	@NEW MEXICO	52-7
N. 4	UNLV	52-14
N. 11	@WYOMING	29-43
N. 24	Brigham Young	20-17

Coach: Ron McBride **Colors:** Crimson & White
Nickname: Utes 1999 Record: 8-3

Utah State Logan, UT

S. 2	@TEXAS TECH	
S. 9	Southern Utah*	
S. 23	@ARIZONA STATE*	
S. 30	Utah	18-38
O. 6	@BRIGHAM YOUNG*	31-34 (OT)
O. 14	@NORTH TEXAS	34-7
O. 21	Idaho	3-31
O. 28	Arkansas State	20-14
N. 4	@NEW MEXICO STATE*	6-14
N. 11	@BOISE STATE	27-33
N. 18	Idaho State	

Coach: Mick Dennehy **Colors:** Blue & White
Nickname: Aggies **1999 Record:** 4-7

UTEP El Paso, TX

S. 2	@OKLAHOMA*	
S. 9	Southern Methodist*	42-28
S. 16	@TEXAS A&M*	
S. 23	Hawaii*	3-33
S. 30	New Mexico State*	54-23
O. 7	@TULSA	19-43
O. 14	@SAN JOSE STATE*	42-26
O. 21	Fresno State*	23-24 (OT)
N. 4	@NEVADA	
N. 11	Rice*	30-29
N. 18	@TEXAS CHRISTIAN	24-52

Coach: Charlie Bailey **Colors:** Orange & Blue
Nickname: Miners **1999 Record:** 5-7

Valparaiso Valparaiso, IN

S. 2	@TRI-STATE	
S. 9	@HOPE	
S. 16	@ST. FRANCIS (IN)	35-6
S. 23	Austin Peay	52-23
S. 30	Morehead State	31-21
O. 7	@DRAKE	27-17
O. 14	Butler	38-20
O. 21	@ST. JOSEPH'S (IN)	33-10
O. 28	@SAN DIEGO*	14-7
N. 4	Dayton	10-34
N. 11	Aurora	31-0

Coach: Tom Horne **Colors:** Brown & Gold
Nickname: Crusaders **1999 Record:** 9-2

Vanderbilt Nashville, TN

S. 2	Miami (OH)	
S. 9	@ALABAMA	17-28
S. 16	Mississippi	37-34 (OT)
S. 23	Duke	31-14
S. 30	@AUBURN	
O. 7	@WAKE FOREST	
O. 14	@GEORGIA	17-27
O. 21	South Carolina	11-10
N. 4	Florida	6-13
N. 11	@KENTUCKY	17-19
N. 25	Tennessee	10-38

Coach: Woody Widenhofer **Colors:** Gold & Black
Nickname: Commodores **1999 Record:** 5-6

Villanova Villanova, PA

S. 2	@RUTGERS	
S. 9	Millersville	
S. 16	Norfolk State	
S. 23	Maine	
O. 7	@JAMES MADISON	20-23
O. 14	@NORTHEASTERN	45-16
O. 21	New Hampshire	31-28
O. 28	Richmond	35-30
N. 4	@MASSACHUSETTS	26-21
N. 11	William & Mary	10-45
N. 18	@DELAWARE	51-45 (OT)

Coach: Andy Talley **Colors:** Blue & White
Nickname: Wildcats **1999 Record:** 7-4

Virginia Charlottesville, VA

S. 2	Brigham Young	45-40
S. 9	Richmond	
S. 16	@DUKE	17-24 (OT)
S. 23	Clemson	14-33
S. 30	@WAKE FOREST	35-7
O. 7	Maryland	34-30
O. 21	@FLORIDA STATE	10-35
O. 28	North Carolina	20-17
N. 9	@GEORGIA TECH*	45-38
N. 18	North Carolina State	47-26
N. 25	@VIRGINIA TECH	7-31

Coach: George Welsh **Colors:** Orange & Blue
Nickname: Cavaliers **1999 Record:** 7-4

Virginia Military Lexington, VA

S. 2	Duquesne	
S. 9	@WILLIAM & MARY	14-35
S. 16	@EAST TENNESSEE STATE	17-26
S. 23	Furman	0-58
S. 30	@GEORGIA SOUTHERN	0-62
O. 7	Wofford	10-55
O. 14	@CHATTANOOGA	0-27
O. 21	Charleston Southern	
O. 28	Western Carolina	2-40
N. 4	@APPALACHIAN STATE	7-34
N. 11	Citadel	6-7

Coach: Cal McCombs **Colors:** Red & Yellow
Nickname: Keydets **1999 Record:** 1-10

Virginia Tech Blacksburg, VA

A. 27	Georgia Tech*	
S. 2	Akron	
S. 7	@EAST CAROLINA*	
S. 16	Rutgers	58-20
S. 30	@BOSTON COLLEGE	38-14
O. 7	Temple	62-7
O. 12	West Virginia*	22-20
O. 21	@SYRACUSE	62-0
O. 28	Pittsburgh	30-17
N. 4	@MIAMI (FL)	43-10
N. 11	@CENTRAL FLORIDA*	
N. 25	Virginia	31-7

Coach: Frank Beamer **Colors:** Orange & Maroon
Nickname: Hokies **1999 Record:** 11-0

Wagner Staten Island, NY

S. 9	Monmouth (NJ)	35-3
S. 16	Georgetown	
S. 23	@ALBANY (NY)*	21-37
S. 30	Marist	17-20
O. 7	Stony Brook	24-12
O. 14	@CENTRAL CONNECTICUT ST.	35-16
O. 21	@ST. FRANCIS (PA)	45-13
O. 28	Robert Morris	21-23
N. 4	St. John's (NY)	
N. 11	@JACKSONVILLE	
N. 18	@SACRED HEART	33-0

Coach: Walt Hameline **Colors:** Green & White
Nickname: Seahawks **1999 Record:** 5-5

Wake Forest Winston-Salem, NC

A. 31	Appalachian State	
S. 9	North Carolina	19-3
S. 16	@CLEMSON	3-12
S. 30	Virginia	7-35
O. 7	Vanderbilt	
O. 14	@GEORGIA TECH	26-23
O. 21	@MARYLAND	14-17
N. 4	Duke	35-48
N. 11	Florida State	10-33
N. 18	@NAVY	
N. 25	@NORTH CAROLINA STATE	31-7

Coach: Jim Caldwell **Colors:** Black & Old Gold
Nickname: Demon Deacons **1999 Record:** 6-5

Washington Seattle, WA

S. 2	Idaho	
S. 9	Miami (FL)	
S. 16	@COLORADO	31-24
S. 30	@OREGON	34-20
O. 7	Oregon State	47-21
O. 14	@ARIZONA STATE	7-28
O. 21	California	31-27
O. 28	@STANFORD	35-30
N. 4	Arizona	33-25
N. 11	UCLA	20-23 (OT)
N. 18	@WASHINGTON STATE	24-14

Coach: Rick Neuheisel **Colors:** Purple & Gold
Nickname: Huskies **1999 Record:** 7-4

Washington State Pullman, WA

S. 2	Stanford	17-54
S. 16	@UTAH	7-27
S. 23	Idaho	17-28
S. 30	@CALIFORNIA	31-7
O. 7	Boise State	
O. 14	@ARIZONA	24-30
O. 21	Arizona State	21-33
O. 28	@OREGON STATE	13-27
N. 4	Oregon	10-52
N. 11	@SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	28-31
N. 18	Washington	14-24

Coach: Mike Price **Colors:** Crimson & Gray
Nickname: Cougars **1999 Record:** 3-9

Weber State Ogden, UT

A. 31	Western State*	33-3
S. 9	@TOLEDO*	
S. 16	@MONTANA STATE	6-29
S. 23	Eastern Washington*	27-30
S. 30	@SACRAMENTO STATE*	52-49
O. 5	Cal State Northridge*	28-30
O. 14	@NORTHERN ARIZONA	19-36
O. 21	Portland State	14-31
O. 28	@IDAHO STATE*	27-24
N. 4	Western New Mexico	
N. 11	Montana	22-81

Coach: Jerry Graybeal **Colors:** Purple & White
Nickname: Wildcats **1999 Record:** 3-8

West Virginia Morgantown, WV

S.2 Boston College	17-34	
S. 16	Maryland	0-33
S. 23	Miami (FL)	20-28
S. 28	@TEMPLE	20-17
O. 7	Idaho	
O. 12	@VIRGINIA TECH*	20-22
O. 21	Notre Dame	
N. 4	Syracuse	7-30
N. 11	@RUTGERS	62-16
N. 18	East Carolina	23-30
N. 24	@PITTSBURGH	52-21

Coach: Don Nehlen **Colors:** Old Gold & Blue
Nickname: Mountaineers **1999 Record:** 4-7

Western Carolina Cullowhee, NC

S. 2	@LSU	
S. 9	Lenoir-Rhyne	
S. 16	@CITADEL*	24-17
S. 23	East Tennessee State	10-38
S. 30	@FURMAN	19-27
O. 7	Georgia Southern	7-70
O. 14	@WOFFORD	21-35
O. 21	Chattanooga	28-56
O. 28	@VIRGINIA MILITARY	40-2
N. 11	Appalachian State	10-34
N. 18	Tennessee Tech	

Coach: Bill Bleil **Colors:** Purple & Gold
Nickname: Mountaineers **1999 Record:** 3-8

Western Illinois Macomb, IL

S. 2	@MISSOURI*	
S. 9	@BALL STATE	
S. 16	Sam Houston State	
S. 23	Nicholls State	14-13
S. 30	Indiana State	36-39 (OT)
O. 7	@SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	68-27
O. 14	@SOUTHWEST MISSOURI ST.	17-27
O. 21	Youngstown State	24-28
O. 28	Morgan State	
N. 4	Illinois State	30-38
N. 18	@NORTHERN IOWA*	46-27

Coach: Don Patterson **Colors:** Purple & Gold
Nickname: Leathernecks **1999 Record:** 7-4

Western Kentucky Bowling Green, KY

S. 9	Tennessee-Martin	34-10
S. 16	@ELON	
S. 23	@SOUTHEAST MISSOURI ST.*	21-10
S. 30	@MURRAY STATE*	21-15
O. 7	Eastern Kentucky	10-30
O. 14	Tennessee Tech	10-23
O. 21	@TENNESSEE STATE*	21-28
O. 28	Eastern Illinois	38-15
N. 4	@SOUTH FLORIDA*	6-21
N. 11	Indiana State	40-34 (OT)
N. 18	Southern Illinois	14-52

Coach: Jack Harbaugh **Colors:** Red & White
Nickname: Hilltoppers **1999 Record:** 6-5

Western Michigan Kalamazoo, MI

A. 31	@WISCONSIN*	
S. 9	@IOWA	
S. 16	Indiana State*	
S. 23	Toledo*	21-45
S. 30	Ohio	
O. 7	@MARSHALL*	30-34
O. 21	Northern Illinois	24-21
O. 28	@KENT	
N. 4	@BALL STATE	28-0
N. 11	@CENTRAL MICHIGAN	38-16
N. 18	Eastern Michigan	40-37 (OT)

Coach: Gary Darnell **Colors:** Brown & Gold
Nickname: Broncos **1999 Record:** 7-5

William & Mary Williamsburg, VA

A. 31	@MASSACHUSETTS*	16-25
S. 9	Virginia Military	35-14
S. 16	@FURMAN*	6-52
S. 23	@CENTRAL FLORIDA*	
S. 30	@MAINE*	37-13
O. 7	Rhode Island	24-6
O. 14	Delaware	27-34 (OT)
O. 21	@JAMES MADISON	20-30
O. 28	Northeastern	42-30
N. 11	@VILLANOVA	45-10
N. 18	Richmond	31-14

Coach: Jimmie Laycock **Colors:** Green & Silver
Nickname: Tribe **1999 Record:** 6-5

Wisconsin Madison, WI

A. 31	Western Michigan*	
S. 9	Oregon	
S. 16	Cincinnati	12-17
S. 23	Northwestern	35-19
S. 30	@MICHIGAN	16-21
O. 7	Ohio State	42-17
O. 14	@MICHIGAN STATE	40-10
O. 21	Purdue	28-21
O. 28	@IOWA	41-3
N. 4	Minnesota	20-17 (OT)
N. 11	@INDIANA	59-0
N. 25	@HAWAII*	

Coach: Barry Alvarez **Colors:** Cardinal & White
Nickname: Badgers **1999 Record:** 9-2

Wofford Spartanburg, SC

S. 9	Lehigh*	
S. 16	@GEORGIA SOUTHERN	14-55
S. 23	@CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	35-13
S. 30	Chattanooga	41-34
O. 7	@VIRGINIA MILITARY	55-10
O. 14	Western Carolina	35-21
O. 21	@APPALACHIAN STATE	20-21
O. 28	Citadel	47-16
N. 4	@EAST TENNESSEE STATE	38-14
N. 11	Furman	3-30
N. 18	@LOUISIANA-MONROE	

Coach: Mike Ayers **Colors:** Old Gold & Black
Nickname: Terriers **1999 Record:** 6-5

Wyoming Laramie, WY

A. 31	@AUBURN*	
S. 9	@TEXAS A&M*	
S. 16	Central Michigan	
S. 23	Nevada	
S. 30	@NEW MEXICO*	42-28
O. 7	San Diego State	7-39
O. 14	Air Force	10-7
O. 21	@UNLV	32-35
O. 26	@BRIGHAM YOUNG	31-17
N. 11	Utah	43-29
N. 16	@COLORADO STATE	13-24

Coach: Vic Kenning **Colors:** Brown & Yellow
Nickname: Cowboys **1999 Record:** 7-4

Yale New Haven, CT

S. 16	Dayton	
S. 23	@CORNELL	37-20
S. 30	Holy Cross	34-14
O. 7	@DARTMOUTH	44-3
O. 14	@FORDHAM	
O. 21	Pennsylvania	23-19
O. 28	Columbia	41-29
N. 4	@BROWN	24-25
N. 11	Princeton	23-21
N. 18	@HARVARD	24-21

Coach: Jack Siedlecki **Colors:** Yale Blue & White
Nickname: Bulldogs **1999 Record:** 9-1

Youngstown State Youngstown, OH

A. 31	Slippery Rock*	44-14
S. 9	Edinboro*	
S. 16	@KENT*	
S. 30	@SOUTHWEST MISSOURI ST.*	17-14
O. 7	@ILLINOIS STATE	28-31
O. 14	Northern Iowa	29-20
O. 21	@WESTERN ILLINOIS	28-24
O. 28	Indiana State	31-28
N. 4	Hofstra	
N. 11	Southern Illinois	43-37 (OT)
N. 18	@CAL POLY	10-7

Coach: Jim Tressel **Colors:** Scarlet & White
Nickname: Penguins **1999 Record:** 12-3

'99 Division I-A

DIVISION I-A INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Passing Efficiency (minimum of 15 attempts per game)

	YEAR	G	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	INT %	YDS	YDS/ATT	TD	PCT	RATING
Michael Vick, Virginia Tech	So	10	152	90	59.21	5	3.29	1840	12.11	12	7.89	180.4
Joe Hamilton, Georgia Tech	Sr	11	305	203	66.56	11	3.61	3060	10.03	29	9.51	175.0
Chad Pennington, Marshall	Sr	12	405	275	67.90	11	2.72	3799	9.38	37	9.14	171.4
Billy Volek, Fresno St.	Sr	12	355	235	66.20	3	0.85	2559	7.21	30	8.45	152.9
Tim Rattay, Louisiana Tech	Sr	10	516	342	66.28	12	2.33	3922	7.60	35	6.78	147.9
Jay Stuckey, UTEP	Sr	12	225	145	64.44	13	5.78	1918	8.52	15	6.67	146.5
Chris Weinke, Florida St.	Jr	11	377	232	61.54	14	3.71	3103	8.23	25	6.63	145.1
Dan Ellis, Virginia	Jr	10	258	156	60.47	10	3.88	2050	7.95	20	7.75	145.0
Jeff Kelly, Southern Miss	So	11	260	153	58.85	11	4.23	2062	7.93	21	8.08	143.7
Tim Lester, Western Mich.	Sr	12	470	282	60.00	13	2.77	3639	7.74	34	7.23	143.4
Todd Husak, Stanford	Sr	10	308	176	57.14	11	3.57	2688	8.73	18	5.84	142.6
Chris Redman, Louisville	Sr	11	489	317	64.83	13	2.66	3647	7.46	29	5.93	141.7
Mike Moschetti, Colorado	Sr	10	331	204	61.63	12	3.63	2693	8.14	18	5.44	140.7
Jarious Jackson, Notre Dame	Sr	12	316	184	58.23	14	4.43	2753	8.71	17	5.38	140.3
Kevin Feterik, Brigham Young	Sr	11	452	277	61.28	15	3.32	3554	7.96	25	5.53	138.9
David Neill, Nevada	So	11	423	247	58.39	7	1.65	3402	8.04	20	4.73	130.2
Tom Brady, Michigan	Sr	11	295	180	61.02	6	2.03	2217	7.52	16	5.42	138.0
Antwan Randle El, Indiana	So	11	279	150	53.76	7	2.51	2277	8.16	17	6.09	137.4
Dusty Bonner, Kentucky	So	11	465	303	65.16	13	2.80	3266	7.02	26	5.59	137.0
Bart Hendricks, Boise St.	Jr	12	350	202	57.71	13	3.71	2140	7.83	22	6.29	136.8
Jay Stoner, Wyoming	Jr	9	222	135	60.81	7	3.15	1859	8.37	8	3.60	136.7
Mike Bath, Miami (OH)	Jr	11	295	138	46.78	13	4.41	2523	8.55	24	8.14	136.7
David Priestley, Pittsburgh	So	9	158	92	58.23	3	1.90	1305	8.26	6	3.80	136.3
Keith Smith, Arizona	Sr	11	228	131	57.46	8	3.51	1903	8.35	10	4.39	135.0
Jonathan Beasley, Kansas St.	Jr	11	203	90	44.33	7	3.45	1805	8.89	14	6.90	134.9
Josh Heupel, Oklahoma	Jr	11	500	310	62.00	15	3.00	3460	6.92	30	6.00	133.9

Total Offense

	YR	G	CAR	GAIN	LOSS	NET	ATT	YDS	PLAYS	YDS	YDS/PL	TD*	YDS/G
Tim Rattay, Louisiana Tech	Sr	10	46	67	179	-112	516	3922	562	3810	6.78	35	381.00
Joe Hamilton, Georgia Tech	Sr	11	154	861	127	734	305	3060	459	3794	8.27	35	344.91
Drew Brees, Purdue	Jr	11	70	315	134	181	494	3531	564	3712	6.58	25	337.45
David Neill, Nevada	So	11	100	505	296	209	423	3402	523	3611	6.90	25	328.27
Chad Pennington, Marshall	Sr	12	55	204	99	105	405	3799	460	3904	8.49	39	325.33
Chris Redman, Louisville	Sr	11	43	68	178	-110	489	3647	532	3537	6.65	30	321.55
Kevin Feterik, Brigham Young	Sr	11	88	256	333	-77	452	3554	540	3477	6.44	26	316.09
Dan Robinson, Hawaii	Sr	12	60	105	196	-91	556	3853	616	3762	6.11	32	313.50
Josh Heupel, Oklahoma	Jr	11	47	98	196	-98	500	3460	547	3362	6.15	35	305.64
Patrick Ramsey, Tulane	So	11	64	99	160	-61	513	3410	577	3349	5.80	26	304.45
Tim Lester, Western Michigan	Sr	12	55	154	189	-35	470	3639	525	3604	6.86	35	300.33
Vic Penn, Central Florida	Jr	11	100	481	313	168	455	3078	555	3246	5.85	20	295.09
Dusty Bonner, Kentucky	So	11	111	281	422	-141	465	3266	576	3125	5.43	29	284.09
Mike Moschetti, Colorado	Sr	10	85	305	180	125	331	2693	416	2818	6.77	23	281.80
Antwan Randle El, Indiana	So	11	224	991	203	788	279	2277	503	3065	6.09	30	278.64
Chris Weinke, Florida St.	Jr	11	31	40	149	-109	377	3103	408	2994	7.34	25	272.18
Quincy Carter, Georgia	So	11	102	441	186	255	380	2713	482	2968	6.16	22	269.82
Todd Husak, Stanford	Sr	10	30	61	58	3	308	2688	338	2691	7.96	21	269.10
Jarious Jackson, Notre Dame	Sr	12	140	734	270	464	316	2753	456	3217	7.05	24	268.08
Deontay Kenner, Cincinnati	Jr	10	54	257	45	212	379	2430	433	2642	6.10	20	264.20
David Garrard, East Carolina	So	11	138	747	254	493	312	2359	450	2852	6.34	22	259.27
Bart Hendricks, Boise St.	Jr	12	119	590	233	357	350	2740	469	3097	6.60	30	258.09
Marques Tuiasosopo, Washington	Jr	11	138	730	189	541	295	2221	433	2762	6.38	18	251.09
Mark Applewhite, Texas	So	13	51	101	247	-146	467	3349	518	3203	6.18	22	246.38
Jonathan Smith, Oregon St.	So	11	55	127	216	-89	385	2784	440	2695	6.13	18	245.00
Wes Counts, Middle Tenn. St.	So	11	91	301	220	81	390	2603	481	2684	5.58	17	244.00

*Touchdowns responsible for: TDs scored or passed for

All-Purpose Running

	YEAR	G	RUSH	REC	PR	KOR	YDS	YDS/G	PLAYS	YDS/PL
Trevor Insley, Nevada	Sr	11	5	2060	111	0	2176	197.82	148	14.70
Dennis Northcutt, Arizona	Sr	12	200	1422	436	191	2249	187.42	134	16.78
Thomas Jones, Virginia	Sr	11	1798	239	17	0	2054	186.73	358	5.74
LaDainian Tomlinson, TCU	Jr	11	1850	55	0	69	1974	179.45	282	7.00
Travis Prentice, Miami (OH)	Sr	11	1659	270	0	0	1929	175.36	373	5.17
Troy Walters, Stanford	Sr	11	6	1456	131	284	1877	170.64	110	17.06
Deuce McAllister, Mississippi	Jr	10	809	201	30	652	1692	169.20	199	8.50
Ron Dayne, Wisconsin	Sr	11	1834	9	0	0	1843	167.55	304	6.06
LaMont Jordan, Maryland	Jr	11	1632	208	0	0	1840	167.27	285	6.46
Demario Brown, Utah St.	Sr	11	1536	282	0	0	1818	165.27	305	5.96
Shaun Alexander, Alabama	Sr	11	1383	323	0	90	1796	163.27	329	5.46
Frank Moreau, Louisville	Sr	10	1289	285	0	0	1574	157.40	271	5.81
Trung Canidate, Arizona	Sr	12	1602	253	0	0	1855	154.58	283	6.55
Thomas Hamner, Minnesota	Sr	11	1362	298	0	0	1660	150.91	307	5.41
Shaun Alexander, Alabama	Sr	11	1257	166	0	216	1639	149.00	323	5.07
Dez White, Georgia Tech	Jr	11	67	860	0	689	1616	146.91	84	19.24
Anthony Thomas, Michigan	Jr	9	769	138	0	396	1303	144.78	167	7.80
Darren Davis, Iowa St.	Sr	11	1388	160	0	43	1591	144.64	310	5.13
Ketric Sanford, Houston	Sr	11	1199	113	0	277	1589	144.45	249	6.38
Robert Cooper, Cincinnati	Sr	10	1245	180	0	0	1425	142.50	270	5.28
Scottie Montgomery, Duke	Sr	11	15	819	144	587	1565	142.27	86	18.20
Shyrone Stith, Virginia Tech	Jr	11	1119	48	0	387	1554	141.27	245	6.34
Hodges Mitchell, Texas	Jr	13	1346	343	39	99	1827	140.54	299	6.11

Receptions Per Game

	YEAR	G	CT	YDS	TD	CT/G
Trevor Insley, Nevada	Sr	11	134	2060	13	12.18
Chris Daniels, Purdue	Sr	11	109	1133	5	9.91
JaJuan Dawson, Tulane	Sr	10	96	1051	8	9.60
Arnold Jackson, Louisville	Sr	11	101	1209	9	9.18
James Whalen, Kentucky	Sr	11	90	1019	10	8.18
Charles Lee, Central Florida	Sr	11	87	1133	5	7.91
Peter Warrick, Florida St.	Sr	9	71	934	8	7.89
Drew Haddad, Buffalo	Sr	11	85	1158	6	7.73
Kwame Cavil, Texas	Jr	13	100	1188	6	7.69
James Jordan, Louisiana Tech	So	11	81	824	11	7.36
Dennis Northcutt, Arizona	Sr	12	88	1422	8	7.33
Adrian Burnette, Tulane	Jr	11	79	1095	7	7.18
John Simon, Louisiana Tech	So	11	79	757	2	7.18
Delwyn Dalgire, Louisiana Tech	So	11	77	1024	9	7.00
Latel Grim, Pittsburgh	Jr	11	75	1106	4	6.82
Troy Walters, Stanford	Sr	11	74	1456	10	6.73
Rod Gardner, Clemson	Jr	11	73	1009	4	6.64

Interceptions

	YEAR	G	NO	YDS	TO	I/G
Deltha O'Neal, California	Sr	11	9	280	4	.82
Deon Grant, Tennessee	Jr	11	9	167	1	.82
Rodregis Brooks, UAB	Jr	11	9	152	1	.82
Erik Olson, Colorado St.	Sr	9	6	93	1	.67
Jamar Fletcher, Wisconsin	So	11	7	135	2	.64
Mike James, Houston	Sr	11	7	57	1	.64
Anthony Vontour, Washington	So	10	6	99	2	.60
Kevin Harvey, Temple	Sr	10	6	55	1	.60
Quincy Lejay, Hawaii	Sr	12	7	151	3	.58

Scoring

	YEAR	G	CAR	XP	FG	PTS	PT/G
Shaun Alexander, Alabama	Jr	11	24	0	0	144	13.09
Travis Prentice, Miami (OH)	Sr	11	21	0	0	126	11.45
Sebastian Janikowski, Fla. St.	Jr	11	0	47	23	116	10.55
Ron Dayne, Wisconsin	Sr	11	19	0	0	114	10.36
Frank Moreau, Louisville	Sr	10	17	0	0	102	10.20
LaDainian Tomlinson, TCU	Jr	11	18	0	0	108	9.82
Shayne Graham, Virginia Tech	Sr	11	0	56	17	107	9.73
Ken Simonton, Oregon St.	So	11	17	4	0	106	9.64
Travis Zachary, Clemson	So	10	16	0	0	96	9.60
Jamie Rheem, Kansas St.	Jr	10	0	41	18	95	9.50
Thomas Jones, Virginia	Sr	11	17	0	0	102	9.27
LaMont Jordan, Maryland	Jr	11	17	0	0	102	9.27
Neil Rackers, Illinois	Sr	11	1	35	20	101	9.18
Travis Forney, Penn St.	Sr	12	0	44	21	107	8.92
Anthony Thomas, Michigan	Jr	11	16	0	0	96	8.73
Darren Davis, Iowa St.	Sr	11	16	0	0	96	8.73
Lucas Staley, Brigham Young	Fr	9	13	0	0	78	8.67
Eric Crouch, Nebraska	So	12	17	0	0	102	8.50
Jeff Chandler, Florida	Jr	12	0	38	21	101	8.42
Paul Edinger, Michigan St.	Sr	11	0	38	18	92	8.36
Nick Calaycay, Boise St.	Jr	10	0	41	14	83	8.30
Mike Biselli, Stanford	Jr	11	0	49	14	91	8.

NCAA Statistics

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Punt Returns (minimum 12 returns per game)

		YEAR	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Dennis Northcutt, Arizona	Sr	23	436	2	18.96	
Bobby Newcombe, Nebraska	Jr	16	294	1	18.38	
Vinny Sutherland, Purdue	Jr	17	295	2	17.35	
Rodregis Brooks, UAB	Jr	19	325	0	17.11	
Stevonne Smith, Utah	Jr	29	495	3	17.07	
Dallas Davis, Colorado St	Jr	32	541	2	16.91	
Hank Poteat, Pittsburgh	Sr	19	307	1	16.16	
Keith Stokes, East Carolina	Jr	26	404	1	15.54	
Emmett White, Utah St.	So	24	361	0	15.04	
Terance Richardson, Okla. St.	Sr	40	591	1	14.77	
Shawn Mills, Southern Miss.	Jr	21	304	0	14.48	
Santana Moss, Miami (FL)	Jr	33	467	2	14.15	
David Allen, Kansas St.	Jr	28	390	2	13.93	
Nick Davis, Wisconsin	So	18	249	1	13.83	
Kendrick Shanklin, Kentucky	So	16	216	1	13.50	
Gari Scott, Michigan St.	Sr	36	475	1	13.19	
Hansford Johnson, Md. Ten. St.	So	21	272	0	12.95	
Ricky Hall, Virginia Tech	Sr	40	510	1	12.75	
Peter Warrick, Florida St.	Sr	18	227	1	12.61	
Brandon Payne, Akron	Fr	14	175	1	12.50	

Punting (minimum 3.6 punts per game)

	CLASS	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Andrew Bayes, East Caro.	Sr	11	47	2259	48.06
Brian Schmitz, UNC	Sr	11	74	3538	47.81
Shane Lechler, Texas A&M	Sr	11	60	2787	46.45
Ray Cheetany, UNLV	Jr	11	65	2950	45.38
Dan Hadenfeldt, Nebraska	Sr	12	65	2924	44.98
Drew Hagan, Indiana	Sr	11	44	1971	44.80
Nick Harris, California	Jr	11	85	3795	44.65
Ryan Smith, Arkansas St.	Sr	11	42	1864	44.38
Casey Roussel, Tulane	So	11	55	2429	44.16
Tim Morgan, San Jose St.	Sr	10	57	2510	44.04
Graham White, Army	Sr	11	62	2711	43.73
Jesse Sowards, Brigham Yng	Sr	11	51	2227	43.67
Craig Jarrett, Michigan St.	So	11	59	2569	43.54
Dave Zastudil, Ohio	So	11	60	2595	43.25
John Baker, North Texas	Sr	11	82	3535	43.11
Corey Gibbs, LSU	Sr	11	57	2452	43.02
Joey Pelfanio, Kansas	Jr	12	72	3096	43.00
Damon Duval, Auburn	Fr	11	57	2443	42.86

Field Goals

Field Goals							
		YEAR	G	FGA	FG	PCT	FG/G
Sebastian Janikowski, Fla. St.	Jr	11	30	23	.767	2.09	
Neil Rackers, Illinois	Sr	11	25	20	.800	1.82	
Jamie Rheim, Kansas St.	Jr	10	21	18	.857	1.80	
Jeff Chandler, Florida	Jr	12	24	21	.875	1.75	
Travis Fomey, Penn St.	Sr	12	26	21	.808	1.75	
Paul Edinger, Michigan St.	Sr	11	22	18	.818	1.64	
Scott Westerfield, Miss. St.	Jr	11	24	18	.750	1.64	
Owen Pochman, Brigham Yng	Jr	11	25	18	.720	1.64	
Todd France, Toledo	So	11	26	18	.692	1.64	
Travis Dorsch, Purdue	So	11	28	18	.643	1.64	
Sims Lenhardt, Duke	Sr	9	18	14	.778	1.56	
Ryan Pflugner, Alabama	Sr	9	20	14	.700	1.56	
Dan Nustrom, Minnesota	Fr	11	21	17	.810	1.55	
Josh McGee, North Carolina	Sr	11	21	17	.810	1.55	
Toller Starnes, Eastern Mich.	So	11	21	17	.810	1.55	
Shayne Graham, Virginia Tech	Sr	11	22	17	.773	1.55	
Kris Stockton, Texas	Jr	13	29	20	.690	1.54	

Kickoff Returns (minimum 1.2 returns per game)

	YEAR	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
James Williams, Marshall	Sr	15	493	1	32.87
Brandon Daniels, Oklahoma	So	16	508	1	31.75
John Stone, Wake Forest	So	13	389	1	29.92
Deltha O'Neal, California	Sr	19	555	1	29.21
Ben Kelly, Colorado	Jr	19	547	2	28.79
Sonny Cook, Oregon	So	14	402	0	28.71
Deonte Whitaker, San Jose St.	Jr	14	396	1	28.29
Scottie Montgomery, Duke	Sr	21	587	1	27.95
Chris Lacy, Idaho	So	15	419	1	27.93
Ryan Wells, Stanford	So	15	412	0	27.41
Leonard Scott, Tennessee	Fr	20	540	1	27.00
Lewis Sanders, Maryland	Jr	18	482	1	26.78
Jamie Hickenbotham, Ark. St.	Fr	11	290	0	26.36
William Green, Boston College	Fr	13	342	0	26.31
Nick Davis, Wisconsin	So	15	394	2	26.27
Deuce McAllister, Mississippi	Jr	25	652	1	26.08
Bo Carroll, Florida	Jr	23	599	1	26.04

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Rushing Offense

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
Navy	12	680	3506	5.2	30.0	292.2
Air Force	11	635	3140	4.9	25.0	285.5
Wisconsin	11	583	3075	5.3	34.0	279.5
Nebraska	12	633	3191	5.0	37.0	265.9
Army	11	636	2915	4.6	24.0	265.0
Ohio	11	624	2883	4.6	26.0	262.1
Rice	11	655	2835	4.3	22.0	257.7
Virginia Tech	11	559	2793	5.0	35.0	253.9
TCU	11	518	2640	5.1	26.0	240.0
Toledo	11	492	2631	5.3	21.0	239.2
Minnesota	11	517	2630	5.1	25.0	239.1
Maryland	11	492	2545	5.2	22.0	231.4
Georgia Tech	11	503	2482	4.9	29.0	225.6
New Mexico St.	11	576	2450	4.3	22.0	222.7
Arizona	12	504	2626	5.2	23.0	218.8
Houston	11	465	2306	5.0	22.0	209.6
Iowa St.	11	486	2205	4.5	23.0	200.5
Virginia	11	477	2106	4.4	18.0	191.5
Indiana	11	482	2105	4.4	20.0	191.4
Tennessee	11	459	2104	4.6	30.0	191.3

Rushing Defense

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
Mississippi St.	11	403	736	1.8	7	66.9
Alabama	12	335	904	2.7	6	75.3
Virginia Tech	11	388	865	2.2	5	75.9
Mississippi	11	369	846	2.3	10	76.9
Michigan St.	11	376	847	2.3	7	77.0
Nebraska	13	427	928	2.2	6	77.3
Tennessee	11	364	986	2.7	3	89.6
Southern Miss.	11	403	1006	2.5	6	91.5
Florida	12	416	1099	2.6	15	91.6
Florida St.	11	387	1087	2.8	6	98.8
Marshall	12	450	1208	2.7	3	100.7
Arkansas	11	392	1109	2.8	14	100.8
TCU	11	408	1110	2.7	11	100.9
Brigham Young	11	389	1132	2.9	9	102.9
Auburn	11	358	1133	3.2	11	103.0
Georgia	11	356	1150	3.2	14	104.5
Texas	13	502	1374	2.7	17	105.7
Toledo	11	380	1169	3.1	11	106.3

Total Offense

	G	PLAYS	YDS	AVG	TD*	YDS/G
Georgia Tech	11	822	5599	6.8	58	509.00
Nevada	11	843	5192	6.2	39	472.00
Arizona	12	870	5663	6.5	42	471.92
Louisiana Tech	11	822	5181	6.3	50	471.00
Stanford	11	793	5138	6.5	47	467.09
Louisiana	11	851	5136	6.0	48	466.91
Marshall	12	841	5584	6.6	57	465.33
Purdue	11	859	5016	5.8	38	456.00
Virginia Tech	11	758	4970	6.6	49	451.82
Oregon St.	11	857	4774	5.6	41	434.00
Oklahoma	11	808	4699	5.8	49	427.18
Oklahoma St.	11	820	4683	5.7	44	425.73
Brigham Young	11	833	4682	5.6	38	425.64
Colorado	11	843	4674	5.5	37	424.91
Wisconsin	11	788	4671	5.9	44	424.64
Cincinnati	11	870	4668	5.4	36	424.36
Oregon	11	819	4657	5.7	41	

Total Defense

	G	PLAYS	YDS	AVG	TD*	YDS/G
Mississippi St.	11	734	2448	3.3	14	222.5
Kansas St.	11	693	2585	3.7	18	235.0
Virginia Tech	11	732	2720	3.7	15	247.3
Nebraska	12	815	3022	3.7	11	251.8
TCU	11	729	3129	4.3	24	284.5
Texas	13	876	3727	4.3	28	286.7
Marshall	12	882	3516	4.0	11	293.0
Southern Miss	11	754	3235	4.3	14	294.1
Alabama	12	749	3568	4.8	26	297.3
Oklahoma St.	11	683	3273	4.8	30	297.5
Tennessee	11	708	3275	4.6	18	297.7
Michigan St.	11	764	3289	4.3	23	299.0
Texas A&M	11	766	3310	4.3	24	300.9
Syracuse	11	738	3313	4.5	22	301.2
Wisconsin	11	703	3318	4.7	17	301.6
Miami (FL)	12	829	3620	4.4	22	301.7
Arkansas	11	733	3336	4.6	26	303.3

* Touchdowns scored rushing or passing only

Turnover Margin

	FUM	INT	LOST	MARGIN
GAINED				
Kansas St.	17	21	38	1.55
Illinois	11	14	25	1.18
Southern California	18	21	39	1.17
Marshall	6	24	30	1.08
Wisconsin	6	16	22	1.00
Stanford	13	17	30	0.91
Southern Miss.	15	15	30	0.91
Michigan	12	10	22	0.91
Texas	23	10	33	0.85
Boise St.	15	14	29	0.83
Maryland	13	15	28	0.82
Clemson	7	19	26	0.82
Oregon	9	19	28	0.82
Houston	12	16	28	0.82
Miami (Ohio)	13	14	27	0.82
Florida St.	7	22	29	0.73
Toledo	10	14	24	0.73
Georgia	10	20	30	0.73
Utah	11	16	27	0.73
LOST				

Passing Offense

Passing offense									
	G	ATT	CMP	INT	PCT	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
Louisiana Tech	11	566	372	12	65.7	4434	7.4	38	403.1
Louisville	11	501	322	13	64.3	3687	7.8	29	335.2
Hawaii	12	577	297	19	51.5	3944	6.8	28	328.7
Purdue	11	508	306	12	60.2	3608	7.1	23	328.0
Tulane	11	556	326	25	58.6	3600	6.5	25	327.3
Nevada	11	457	263	9	57.5	3590	7.9	20	326.4
Marshall	12	427	286	11	67.0	3901	9.1	37	325.1
Brigham Young	11	458	280	16	61.1	3567	7.8	25	324.3
Oklahoma	11	512	319	15	62.3	3539	6.9	31	321.7
Stanford	11	385	219	12	56.9	3448	9.0	25	313.5
Western Michigan	12	477	286	13	60.0	3742	7.8	34	311.8
Florida St.	11	423	250	17	59.1	3332	7.9	27	302.9
Kentucky	11	468	304	13	65.0	3289	7.0	26	299.0
Oregon St.	11	432	211	9	48.8	3160	7.3	18	287.3
Central Florida	11	472	268	11	56.8	3159	6.7	16	287.2
Georgia Tech	11	319	208	12	65.2	3117	9.8	29	283.4
Texas	13	504	290	10	57.5	3572	7.1	23	274.8
Colorado	11	389	233	15	59.9	3011	7.7	19	273.7

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Passing Efficiency (minimum of 15 attempts per game)

	YEAR	G	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	INT %	YDS	YDS/ATT	TD	PCT	RATING
Drew Miller, Montana	Jr	10	368	240	65.22	8	2.17	3461	9.40	32	8.70	168.6
Mark Washington, Jackson St.	Sr	12	287	147	51.22	10	3.48	2788	9.71	29	10.10	159.2
Jimmy Blanchard, Portland St.	Jr	11	355	212	59.72	3	0.85	3098	8.73	29	8.17	158.3
Phil Stambaugh, Lehigh	Sr	11	347	236	68.01	13	3.75	2995	8.63	26	7.49	157.7
JaJuan Seider, Florida A&M	Sr	11	253	150	59.29	2	0.79	2085	8.25	23	9.09	157.0
Chris Chaloupka, Sam Houston St.	Sr	10	271	168	61.99	13	4.80	2503	9.24	21	7.75	155.6
Ryan Helming, Northern Iowa	Jr	11	403	253	62.78	14	3.47	3469	8.61	31	7.69	153.5
Juatin Fuente, Murray St.	Sr	11	400	240	60.00	9	2.25	3497	8.74	27	6.75	151.2
Jay Rodgers, Southwest Mo.	Sr	11	326	206	63.19	13	3.99	2741	8.41	24	7.36	150.1
Ricky Ray, Cal. St.-Sacramento	Jr	10	291	182	62.54	8	2.75	2422	8.32	20	6.87	149.6
Brock Nutter, Troy St.	So	11	218	125	57.34	7	3.21	1994	9.15	13	5.96	147.4
Jim Lopusznick, Fairfield	Sr	10	298	160	53.69	7	2.35	2281	7.65	27	9.06	143.2
Lionel Hayes, Grambling	Sr	11	366	188	51.37	6	1.64	2935	8.02	30	8.20	142.5
Sherard Poteat, Southern	Jr	11	348	203	58.33	10	2.87	2777	7.98	24	6.90	142.4
Chris Perkins, Tennessee St.	Sr	10	176	103	58.52	6	3.41	1385	7.87	13	7.39	142.2
Ryan Vena, Colgate	Sr	11	229	134	58.52	12	5.24	1917	8.37	16	6.99	141.4
David Corley, William & Mary	Fr	11	221	123	55.66	9	4.07	1760	7.96	18	8.14	141.3
Giovanni Carmazzi, Hofstra	Sr	11	346	216	62.43	10	2.89	2651	7.66	21	6.07	141.0
Travis Brown, Northern Arizona	Sr	11	420	246	58.57	7	1.67	3057	7.28	31	7.38	140.7
Tony Bellamy, Alabama A&M	Jr	10	164	88	53.66	5	3.05	1342	8.18	12	7.32	140.4
Jeff Ryan, Youngstown St.	So	11	221	129	58.37	5	2.26	1764	7.98	13	5.88	140.3
J.J. Mont, Georgetown	Sr	11	298	154	51.68	12	4.03	2423	8.13	25	8.39	139.6
Waylon Chapman, E. Kentucky	Jr	10	174	100	57.47	5	2.87	1295	7.44	13	7.47	138.9
Marcus Taylor, Alcorn St.	Sr	9	175	85	48.57	5	2.86	1350	7.71	16	9.14	137.8
Joe Walland, Yale	Sr	9	302	181	59.93	4	1.32	2207	7.31	17	5.63	137.2

Total Offense

	YR	RUSHING					PASSING		TOTAL OFFENSE				
		G	CAR	GAIN	LOSS	NET	ATT	YDS	PLAYS	YDS	YDS/PL	TDR*	YDS/G
Joe Lee, Towson	Sr	11	31	13	150	-137	577	4168	608	4031	6.63	22	366.45
Drew Miller, Montana	Jr	10	26	16	162	-146	368	3461	394	3315	8.41	32	331.50
James Perry, Brown	Sr	10	25	40	112	-72	467	3255	492	3183	6.47	27	318.30
Chris Sanders, Chattanooga	Jr	11	34	47	95	-48	490	3539	524	3491	6.66	28	317.36
Ryan Helming, Northern Iowa	Jr	11	46	121	121	0	403	3469	449	3469	7.73	34	315.36
David Dinkins, Morehead St.	Jr	10	200	1424	286	1138	265	2011	465	3149	6.77	40	314.90
Marcus Brady, Cal St.-Northridge	So	11	92	390	297	93	483	3326	575	3419	5.95	25	310.82
Justin Fuente, Murray St.	Sr	11	36	42	132	-90	400	3497	436	3407	7.81	28	309.73
Sherard Poteat, Southern Illinois	Jr	11	128	746	219	527	348	2777	476	3304	6.94	35	300.36
Joe Walland, Yale	Sr	9	99	493	130	363	302	2207	401	2570	6.41	21	285.56
Jimmy Blanchard, Portland St.	Jr	11	38	114	111	3	355	3098	393	3101	7.89	29	281.91
Kevin McCarthy, Idaho St.	Jr	11	110	331	308	23	414	3032	524	3055	5.83	24	277.73
Travis Brown, Northern Arizona	Sr	11	37	86	104	-18	420	3057	457	3039	6.65	34	276.27
Chris Boden, Villanova	Sr	11	52	109	130	-21	474	3058	526	3037	5.77	24	276.09
Giovanni Carmazzi, Hofstra	Sr	11	103	538	166	372	346	2651	449	3023	6.73	32	274.82
Jim Lopusznick, Fairfield	Sr	10	111	593	160	433	298	2281	409	2714	6.64	29	271.40
Ricky Rahne, Cornell	So	10	44	111	177	-66	389	2762	433	2696	6.23	25	269.60
Phil Stambaugh, Lehigh	Sr	11	37	68	166	-98	347	2995	384	2897	7.54	26	263.36
Chris Chaloupka, Sam Houston St.	Sr	10	30	104	68	36	271	2503	301	2539	8.44	22	253.90
Jay Rodgers, Southwest Mo. St.	Sr	11	36	114	87	27	326	2741	362	2768	7.65	27	251.64
Lionel Hayes, Grambling	Sr	11	89	139	325	-186	366	2935	455	2749	6.04	32	249.91
Ricky Ray, Cal St.-Sacramento	Jr	10	51	193	135	58	291	2422	342	2480	7.25	25	248.00
Ryan Day, New Hampshire	So	11	62	269	124	145	364	2573	426	2718	6.38	24	247.09
Bobby Townsend, Howard	Jr	10	55	248	113	135	339	2330	394	2465	6.26	14	246.50
Matt Cannon, Southern Utah	Jr	11	203	1440	130	1310	141	1383	344	2693	7.83	29	244.82

*Touchdowns responsible for: TDs scored or passed for

All-Purpose Running

	YEAR	G	RUSH	REC	PR	KOR	YDS*	YDS/G	PLAYS	YDS/PL
Rick Sarelle, Wagner	Sr	10	1373	226	0	475	2074	207.40	306	6.78
Charles Roberts, Cal St.-Sac.	Jr	11	2082	108	12	0	2202	200.18	318	6.92
Cornell Craig, Southern Illinois	Sr	11	1	1419	190	394	2004	182.18	120	16.70
Ronald Jean, Lehigh	Sr	11	1358	163	0	469	1990	180.91	303	6.57
Adrian Peterson, Georgia Southern	So	11	1807	163	0	0	1970	179.09	257	7.61
Murle Sango, Villanova	So	11	145	1064	159	550	1918	174.36	158	12.14
Curtis Keaton, James Madison	Sr	11	1659	63	0	195	1917	174.27	304	6.31
Corey Holmes, Mississippi Valley	Jr	11	1692	215	0	0	1907	173.36	355	5.37
Donte Small, Duquesne	So	11	1309	109	0	477	1895	172.27	287	6.60
Nick Whitworth, Idaho St.	Jr	11	1093	472	0	309	1874	170.36	234	8.01
Marcel Shipp, Massachusetts	Jr	11	1572	253	0	0	1825	165.91	370	4.93
Ka Ron Coleman, S.F. Austin	Sr	10	929	219	348	152	1648	164.80	151	10.91
Destry Wright, Jackson St.	Sr	12	1643	198	121	0	1962	163.50	319	6.15
Avion Black, Tennessee St.	Jr	11	-7	893	105	786	1777	161.55	79	22.49
Komlan Loneragan, William & Mary	So	10	582	53	234	743	1612	161.20	161	10.01
Jason Corle, Towson	Sr	10	719	864	26	0	1609	160.90	247	6.51
Randall Joseph, Colgate	Jr	9	1446	0	0	0	1446	160.67	193	7.49
Ronney Jenkins, Northern Arizona	Jr	11	1051	716	0	0	1767	160.64	251	7.04
Donald Dorsey, Robert Morris	Sr	9	1070	205	2	168	1445	160.56	205	7.05
Jimmy Leo, Dayton	Sr	8	1052	94	0	130	1276	159.50	191	6.68
Tony Taylor, Northwestern St.	So	11	1441	77	0	231	1749	159.00	286	6.32
Charles Dunn, Portland St.	Jr	11	1478	256	0	0	1734	157.64	299	5.80
Charles Tharp, Western Illinois	Jr	11	1311	389	23	0	1723	156.64	313	5.50
Stephen Campbell, Brown	Jr	10	0	1107	84	325	1516	151.60	122	12.43

Receptions Per Game

	YEAR	G	CT	YDS	TD	CT/G
Murle Sango, Villanova	So	11	98	1064	10	8.91
Stephen Campbell, Brown	Jr	10	89	1107	11	8.90
Elijah Thurmon, Howard	Sr	11	84	1366	9	7.64
Jamal White, Towson	So	11	82	1322	8	7.45
Phil Wendler, Princeton	Sr	10	74	822	4	7.40
Joe Splendorio, Cornell	Jr	9	65	944	10	7.22
Jason Corle, Towson	Sr	10	72	864	8	7.20
Cornell Craig, Southern Illinois	Sr	11	77	1419	15	7.00
Gerry McDermott, Fordham	Sr	11	77	911	7	7.00
Cos Dematteo, Chattanooga	So	11	76	977	11	6.91
Mike Furrey, Northern Iowa	Sr	11	74	1179	10	6.73
Francis St. Paul, Northern Arizona	Jr	10	67	987	13	6.70
Eric Johnson, Yale	Jr	10	67	858	9	6.70
Steve Jackson, Hofstra	Jr	11	73	975	8	6.64
Gerald Foster, Duquesne	Sr	11	72	1340	10	6.55
Drew Amerson, Cal St.-Northridge	Fr	11	71	897	5	6.45

Interceptions

	YEAR	G	NO	YDS	TD	I/G
Ryan Crawford, Davidson	Jr	11	8	63	0	7.3
Jim Gallagher, Georgetown	Sr	11	7	84	1	6.4
Dan Mulhern, Delaware	Fr	11	7	65	0	6.4
Lance Small, Rhode Island	So	11	7	60	0	6.4
Eric Kenesie, Valparaiso	Br	11	7	35	0	6.4
Harry Sutton, Iowa	So	10	6	187	1	6.0
Todd Tomich, Yale	Jr	10	6	103	1	6.0
Melvin Coleman, Morgan St.	Jr	10	6	32	0	6.0
Patrick Shelley, Stony Brook	Sr	10	6	31	0	6.0

Scoring

	YEAR	G	TD	XP	FG	PTS	PT/G
Adrian Peterson, Ga. Southern	So	11	29	0	0	174	15.82
Ronald Jean, Lehigh	Sr	11	26	0	0	156	14.18
Charles Roberts, Cal St.-Sac.	Jr	11	22	6	0	138	12.55
Matt Cannon, Southern Utah	Jr	11	23	0	0	138	12.55
David Dinkins, Morehead St.	Jr	10	20	2	0	122	12.20
Marcel Shipp, Massachusetts	Jr	11	21	0	0	126	11.45
Jermaine Hutchinson, Howard	Jr	11	20	0	0	120	10.91
Curtis Keaton, James Madison	Sr	11	20	0	0	120	10.91
Charles Dunn, Portland St.	Jr	11	19	0	0	114	10.36
Jason Corle, Towson	Sr	10	17	0	0	102	10.20
Rick Sarelle, Wagner	Sr	10	17	0	0	102	10.20
Randall Joseph, Colgate	Jr	9	15	0	0	90	10.00
Rob Belli, Georgetown	Sr	11	18	0	0	108	9.82
Ralph Saldiveri, Iowa	Jr	10	16	2	0	98	9.80
Ka Ron Coleman, S.F. Austin	Sr	10	16	2	0	98	9.80
Ronney Jenkins, Northern Ariz.	Jr	11	17	2	0	104	9.45
Jason Marrow, Bucknell	Jr	11	17	0	0	102	9.27
Derek O'Neal, South Caro. St.	Sr	10	15	2	0	92	9.20
David George, Dayton	Jr	10	15	0	0	90	9.00
Jovan Griffith, Eastern Wash.	So	10	15	0	0	90	9.00
Dan Curran, New Hampshire	Sr	11	16	0	0	96	8.73
Greg Hill, Ga. Southern	Sr	11	16	0	0	96	8.73

Rushing

YEAR G CAR YDS AVG TD YDS/G							
Charles Roberts, Cal. St.-Sac	Jr	11	303	2082	6.9	22	189.27
Adrian Peterson, Ga. Southern	So	1	248	1807	7.3	28	164.27
Randall Joseph, Colgate	Jr	9	193	1446	7.5	15	160.67
Cory Holmes, Miss. Valley	Jr	11	331	1692	5.1	11	153.82
Curley Keaton, James Madison	Sr	11	290	1659	5.7	19	150.82
Marcel Shipp, Massachusetts	Jr	11	327	1572	4.8	20	142.91
Ralph Saldiveri, Iowa	Jr	10	255	1400	5.5	16	140.00
Dick Sarrile, Wagner	Sr	10	274	1373	5.0	15	137.30
Destry Wright, Jackson St.	Sr	12	296	1643	5.6	12	136.92
Derek O'Neal, S. Carolina St.	Sr	10	297	1352	4.6	15	135.20
Charles Dunn, Portland St.	Jr	11	279	1478	5.3	16	134.36
Jimmy Lee, Dayton	Sr	8	172	1052	6.1	10	131.50
Tony Taylor, Northwestern St.	So	11	263	1441	5.5	16	131.00
Iovan Griffith, E. Washington	So	10	210	1275	6.1	14	127.50
Craig Young, Cal Poly	Sr	11	275	1380	5.0	8	125.45
Isaac Ivory, Furman	So	11	230	1376	6.0	14	125.09
Donald Jean, Lehigh	Sr	11	264	1358	5.1	23	123.45
Chris Ryan, Pennsylvania	So	10	214	1197	5.6	10	119.70
Charles Tharp, Western Illinois	Jr	11	282	1311	4.6	12	119.18
Paul Cannon, Southern Utah	Jr	11	203	1310	6.5	23	119.09
Monte Small, Duquesne	So	11	249	1309	5.3	9	119.00
Donald Dorsey, Robert Morris	Sr	9	181	1070	5.9	9	118.89
Shance Humphrey, Montana So.	11	224	1277	5.7	16	116.09	
Paul Dinkins, Morehead St.	Jr	10	200	1138	5.7	20	113.80

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Punt Returns (minimum 1.2 returns per game)

	YEAR	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Ka Ron, Coleman, S.F. Austin	Sr	17	348	1	20.47
Jordan Younger, Connecticut	Sr	15	238	2	15.87
Dajuan Alfonso, Indiana St.	Sr	22	332	1	15.09
Lennard Byrd, Maine	So	27	405	1	15.00
Aaron Overton, Drake	Fr	19	278	1	14.63
Delvin Joyce, James Madison	Jr	28	400	1	14.29
Clifford Perry, Alcorn St.	Jr	13	183	1	14.08
Bobby Jett, Ark.-Pine Bluff	So	14	197	1	14.07
Joey Jamison, Texas Southern	Sr	41	575	2	14.02
Keyandre Fenn, East Tenn. St.	Jr	14	196	0	14.00
Delvin Hughley, Jacksonville St.	Jr	26	361	0	13.88
Aaron Pierce, McNeese St.	Fr	20	273	0	13.65
Bobby Sippio, Western Ky.	Fr	17	230	2	13.53
Imion Powell, New Hampshire	Fr	17	226	1	13.29
Carlos Frank, Citadel	Sr	14	183	1	13.07
Frank Cutolo, Eastern Illinois	So	16	208	1	13.00

Punting (minimum 3.6 punts per game)

	CLASS	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Matthew Peot, Montana St.	Jr	11	48	2195	45.73
Brian Bivens, Murray St.	Fr	11	43	1926	44.79
Ethan Beck, Cal St.-Northridge	Jr	11	41	1781	43.44
Rick Barrow, SW Texas St.	Jr	11	66	2807	42.53
Brian Reilly, Appalachian St.	Sr	11	41	1739	42.41
Wayne Schlobohm, Dartmouth	Sr	10	55	2324	42.25
Jake Strader, Illinois St.	Jr	11	55	2314	42.07
Ben Simpson, Idaho St.	Jr	11	60	2520	42.00
David Hill, Western Carolina	Sr	11	65	2723	41.89
David Beckford, Alabama St.	Fr	10	53	2216	41.01
Tony Umholtz, South Florida	Sr	11	74	3062	41.38
Aaron Wall, Ark.-Pine Bluff	Fr	11	50	2067	41.34
Mike Leach, William & Mary	Sr	11	52	2149	41.33
Anthony Rozzo, Youngstown St.	Sr	11	49	2025	41.33
David Latta, McNeese St.	So	11	57	2353	41.28
Thomas Bushart, Southern U.	Sr	12	80	3293	41.16
Travis Brawner, SW Missouri St.	Sr	11	40	1644	41.10
Mike Morelli, Connecticut	Sr	11	66	2709	41.05

Field Goals

		YEAR	G	FGA	FG	PCT	FG/G
Brett Sterba, William & Mary	Jr	11	23	18	.783	1.64	
David Collett, Tennessee Tech	So	10	24	16	.667	1.60	
Jason Feinberg, Pennsylvania Jr	10	21	15	.714	1.50		
Mike Minnoch, Weber St.	Jr	10	17	13	.765	1.30	
Pete Garces, Idaho St.	Sr	10	19	13	.684	1.30	
Mike Murawczyk, Yale	Jr	10	19	13	.684	1.30	
Ted Woodard, Stephen F. Austin	Sr	11	19	14	.737	1.27	
Mike Glover, James Madison	So	11	19	14	.737	1.27	
Dan Frantz, Portland St.	Jr	11	19	14	.737	1.27	
Scott Brown, Cal St.-Sac.	Sr	11	21	14	.667	1.27	
Justin Mattingly, Southern U.	So	12	20	15	.750	1.25	
Chris Mandell, Monmouth	Jr	10	16	12	.750	1.20	
Jeff Carlo, Robert Morris	So	10	21	12	.571	1.20	
Josh Jones, Western Carolina	Jr	11	16	13	.813	1.18	
Shonz Lafrenz, McNeese St.	Sr	11	19	13	.684	1.18	
J.B. Lachome, Texas Southern	Jr	11	19	13	.684	1.18	
Taylor Northrup, Princeton	So	10	15	11	.733	1.10	

Kickoff Returns (minimum 1.2 returns per game)

	YEAR	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Cordell Roane, Richmond	Fr	13	470	1	36.15
Avion Black, Tennessee St.	Jr	23	786	3	34.17
Lamont Brightful, E. Wash.	Jr	26	882	2	33.93
Tulsa Payette, Austin Peay	So	15	435	0	29.00
Rashad Brewer, Samford	Jr	16	450	0	28.13
Aveion Cason, Illinois St.	Jr	24	674	2	28.08
Romando North, N.C. A&T	Jr	15	416	2	27.73
Arie Gray, Montana St.	Jr	13	352	1	27.08
Damian Swain, Alabama St.	So	20	538	2	26.90
Lamont Webb, Cal St.-Sac.	Jr	14	373	0	26.64
William Griffin, Northeastern	Fr	16	424	0	26.50
Brian Hinton, SE Missouri St.	Jr	17	450	0	26.47
Kerry Bowie, Southern U.	Jr	30	794	1	26.47
Rick Sarille, Wagner	Sr	18	475	1	26.39
Ronald Jean, Lehigh	Sr	18	469	1	26.06
T.J. Stallings, Morgan St.	Jr	20	520	0	26.00
Donte King, SW Missouri St.	Jr	19	491	0	25.84

DIVISION I-AA TEAM LEADERS

Rushing Offense

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
Ga. Southern	11	654	4609	7.0	61	419.0
Wofford	11	691	3867	5.6	38	351.5
Southern Utah	11	640	3739	5.8	47	339.9
Samford	11	627	3439	5.5	41	312.6
Elon	11	694	3278	4.7	31	298.0
Furman	11	548	3170	5.8	42	288.2
Western Ky.	11	614	3115	5.1	25	283.2
Morehead St.	10	488	2811	5.8	31	281.1
Colgate	11	592	3053	5.2	37	277.5
Indiana St.	11	595	2985	5.0	27	271.4
Appalachian St.	11	469	2733	5.8	29	248.5
Dayton	10	509	2395	4.7	36	239.5
Cal St.-Sac.	11	479	2584	5.4	30	234.9
Delaware	11	557	2539	4.6	30	230.8
Stephen F. Austin	11	448	2532	5.7	30	230.2
South Caro. St.	10	499	2185	4.4	26	218.5

Rushing Defense

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
Jackson St.	12	393	813	2.1	9	67.8
Wagner	10	363	680	1.9	6	68.0
Colgate	11	348	765	2.2	13	69.5
St. John's (NY)	11	414	832	2.0	10	75.6
Fairfield	11	368	854	2.3	6	77.6
Harvard	10	308	802	2.6	9	80.2
Pennsylvania	10	344	842	2.4	5	84.2
Yale	10	335	906	2.7	4	90.6
Brown	10	326	971	3.0	18	97.1
Troy St.	11	360	1070	3.0	11	97.3
Valparaiso	11	398	1089	2.7	10	99.0
Georgetown	11	439	1108	2.5	13	100.7
Davidson	11	406	1111	2.7	11	101.0
Southern U.	12	430	1251	2.9	10	104.3
Siena	10	408	1050	2.6	11	105.0
Montana	11	370	1163	3.1	9	105.7
Lehigh	11	399	1172	2.9	12	106.5
Bucknell	11	438	1217	2.8	16	110.6

Total Offense

	G	PLAYS	YDS	AVG	TD*	YDS/G
Ga. Southern	11	795	6069	7.6	71	551.73
Montana	11	810	5691	7.0	66	517.36
Jackson St.	12	885	5866	6.6	58	488.83
Morehead St.	10	756	4822	6.4	51	482.20
Towson	11	927	5258	5.7	37	478.00
Southern Utah	11	801	5251	6.6	54	477.36
Northern Iowa	11	823	5235	6.4	50	475.91
Wofford	11	834	5212	6.2	47	473.82
Murray St.	11	789	5175	6.6	49	470.45
Cal St.-Sac.	11	793	5174	6.5	51	470.36
Florida A&M	11	806	5096	6.3	61	463.27
Lehigh	11	806	5084	6.3	58	462.18
Portland St.	11	796	5063	6.4	48	460.27
Brown	10	789	4593	5.8	41	459.30
Colgate	11	835	5043	6.0	53	458.45
New Hampshire	11	879	5030	5.7	41	457.27

Total Defense

	G	PLAYS	YDS	AVG	TD*	YDS/G
St. John's (NY)	11	677	2197	3.2	18	199.7
Fairfield	11	681	2610	3.8	20	237.3
NC A&T	11	763	2853	3.7	20	259.4
Wagner	10	608	2619	4.3	24	261.9
Drake	11	733	2893	3.9	21	263.0
SW Texas St.	11	697	3012	4.3	24	273.8
Elon	11	670	3037	4.5	21	276.1
Tennessee Tech	10	635	2783	4.4	21	278.3
Robert Morris	10	633	2795	4.4	21	279.5
Siena	10	685	2797	4.1	27	279.7
Georgetown	11	789	3100	3.9	22	281.8
Troy St.	11	715	3146	4.4	25	286.0
Valparaiso	11	722	3152	4.4	27	286.5
Colgate	11	745	3175	4.3	26	288.6
NW State	11	718	3181	4.4	23	289.2
Jackson St.	12	799	3489	4.4	26	290.8
Duquesne	11	728	3206	4.4	28	291.5
Ga. Southern	11	728	3208	4.4	20	291.6

* Touchdowns scored rushing or passing only

Turnover Margin

	FUM	INT	GAINED	FUM	INT	LOST	MARGIN
	GAINED			LOST			
Valparaiso	17	22	39	10	13	23	1.45
Grambling	13	19	32	10	6	16	1.45
Fairfield	12	23	35	11	9	20	1.36
Western Ill.	10	22	32	9	8	17	1.36
Yale	7	14	21	1	8	9	1.20
Northern Ariz.	11	16	27	6	8	14	1.18
Stephen F. Austin	12	14	26	5	8	13	1.18
Albany (NY)	11	15	26	9	7	16	1.11
Robert Morris	12	20	32	13	8	21	1.10
Hofstra	14	16	30	7	11	18	1.09
Georgetown	13	23	36	9	15	24	1.09
Massachusetts	8	26	34	8	15	23	1.00
Southern U.	19	20	39	18	10	28	1.00
Youngstown St.	8	13	21	4	6	10	1.00
Jacksonville	15	16	31	7	15	22	1.00

Passing Offense

	G	ATT	CMP	INT	PCT	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
Towson	11	584	325	13	55.7	4193	7.2	23	381.2
Montana	11	438	282	10	64.4	4070	9.3	40	370.0
Northern Iowa	11	439	279	14	63.6	3717	8.5	33	337.9
Chattanooga	11	496	300	14	60.5	3591	7.2	28	326.5
Brown	10	469	310	16	66.1	3262	7.0	27	326.2
Florida A&M	11	452	241	9	53.3	3580	7.9	38	325.5
Murray St.	11	405	241	9	59.5	3506	8.7	27	318.7
Cal St.-Northridge	11	499	305	18	61.1	3445	6.9	24	313.2
Idaho St.	11	473	258	11	54.5	3387	7.2	29	307.0
Tennessee St.	11	397	234	9	58.9	3377	8.5	31	307.0
Northern Arizona	11	464	268	8	57.8	3351	7.2	32	304.6
Portland St.	11	383	228	3	59.5	3274	8.5	30	297.6
Sam Houston St.	11	374	232	16	62.0	3260	8.7	27	296.4
Cornell	10	401	233	13	58.1	2861	7.1	26	286.1
Southern Illinois	11	394	223	10	56.6	3102	7.9	27	282.0
Villanova	11	480	295	15	61.5	3097	6.5	24	281.5
Lehigh	11	361	244	14	67.6	3069	8.5	27	279.0
Grambling	11	388	198	6	51.0	3066	7.9	30	278.7

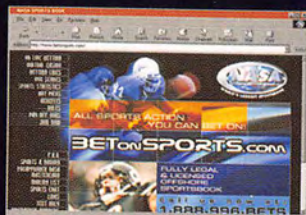
Passing-Efficiency Defense

	G	ATT	COMP	PCT	INT	PCT	YDS	YDS/ATT	TD	PCT	RATING
Robert Morris	10	232	90	38.79	20	8.62	1322	5.70	8	2.56	80.80
Massachusetts	11	252	167	47.44	26	7.39	1879	5.34	9	3.45	85.95
St. John's (NY)	11	363	115	43.73	14	5.32	1365	5.19	8	3.04	86.71
Fairfield	11	313	125	39.94	23	7.35	1756	5.61	14	4.47	87.13
San Diego	10	259	116	44.79	17	6.56	1529	5.90	5	1.93	87.62
Drake	11	301	139	46.18	14	4.65	1520	5.05	9	2.99	89.16
Georgetown	11	350	165	47.14	23	6.57	1992	5.69	9	2.57	90.29
N.C. A&T	11	289	133	46.02	13	4.50	1576	5.45	7	2.42	90.82
Florida A&M	11	340	140	41.18	17	5.00	1767	5.20	17	5.00	91.33
Southern U.	12	446	196	43.95	24	3.58	2634	5.91	16	3.59	94.63
Texas Southern	11	346	144	41.62	13	3.76	2002	5.79	13	3.76	95.11
Ga. Southern	11	292	137	46.92	15	5.14	1764	6.04	7	2.40	95.30
Duquesne	11	302	149	49.34	23	7.62	1763	5.84	13	4.30	97.35
Hofstra	11	335	172	51.34	16	4.79	1794	5.36	11	3.28	97.51
William & Mary	11	333	166	49.85	14	4.20	1988	5.97	7	2.10	98.63
Lafayette	11	335	166	49.55	18	5.37	2071	6.18	9	2.69	99.60

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CONFERENCE			OVERALL		
W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT

Atlantic Coast

Florida St.	8	0	1.000	11	0	1.000
Georgia Tech	5	3	.625	8	3	.727
Virginia	5	3	.625	7	4	.636
Clemson	5	3	.625	6	5	.545
Wake Forest	3	5	.375	6	5	.545
North Carolina St.	3	5	.375	6	6	.500
Duke	3	5	.375	3	8	.273
Maryland	2	6	.250	5	6	.455
North Carolina	2	6	.250	3	8	.273

Big East

Virginia Tech	7	0	1.000	11	0	1.000
Miami (Fla.)	6	1	.857	8	4	.667
Boston College	4	3	.571	8	3	.727
Syracuse	3	4	.429	6	5	.545
West Virginia	3	4	.429	4	7	.364
Pittsburgh	2	5	.286	5	6	.455
Temple	2	5	.286	2	9	.182
Rutgers	1	6	.143	1	10	.091

Big Ten

Wisconsin	7	1	.875	9	2	.818
Michigan	6	2	.750	9	2	.818
Michigan St.	6	2	.750	9	2	.818
Penn St.	5	3	.625	9	3	.750
Minnesota	5	3	.625	8	3	.727
Illinois	4	4	.500	7	4	.636
Purdue	4	4	.500	7	4	.636
Ohio St.	3	5	.375	6	6	.500
Indiana	3	5	.375	4	7	.364
Northwestern	1	7	.125	3	8	.273
Iowa	0	8	.000	1	10	.091

Big 12

NORTH						
Nebraska	7	1	.875	11	1	.917
Kansas St.	7	1	.875	10	1	.909
Colorado	5	3	.625	6	5	.545
Kansas	3	5	.375	5	7	.417
Iowa St.	1	7	.125	4	7	.364
Missouri	1	7	.125	4	7	.364
SOUTH						
Texas	6	2	.750	9	4	.692
Texas Tech	5	3	.625	6	5	.545
Oklahoma	5	3	.625	7	4	.636
Texas A&M	5	3	.625	8	3	.727
Oklahoma St.	3	5	.375	5	6	.455
Baylor	0	8	.000	1	10	.091

Big West

Boise St.	5	1	.833	9	3	.750
Idaho	4	2	.667	7	4	.636
New Mexico St.	3	3	.500	6	5	.545
Arkansas St.	3	3	.500	4	7	.364
Utah St.	3	3	.500	4	7	.364
Nevada	2	4	.333	3	8	.273
North Texas	1	5	.167	2	9	.182

Conference USA

Southern Miss.	6	0	1.000	8	3	.727
East Carolina	4	2	.667	9	2	.818
Louisville	4	2	.667	7	4	.636
UAB	4	2	.667	5	6	.455
Memphis	4	2	.667	5	6	.455
Houston	3	3	.500	7	4	.636
Army	1	5	.167	3	8	.273
Tulane	1	5	.167	3	8	.273
Cincinnati	0	6	.000	3	8	.273

Mid-American

EAST						
Marshall	8	0	1.000	12	0	1.000
Miami (Ohio)	6	2	.750	7	4	.636
Akron	5	3	.625	7	4	.636
Ohio	5	3	.625	5	6	.455
Bowling Green	3	5	.375	5	6	.455
Kent	2	6	.250	2	9	.182
Buffalo	0	8	.000	0	11	.000
WEST						
Western Michigan	6	2	.750	7	5	.583
Toledo	5	3	.625	6	5	.545
Northern Ill.	5	3	.625	5	6	.455
Eastern Mich.	4	4	.500	4	7	.364
Central Mich.	3	5	.375	4	7	.364
Ball St.	0	8	.000	0	11	.000

Mountain West

Brigham Young	5	2	.714	8	3	.727
Colorado St.	5	2	.714	8	3	.727
Utah	5	2	.714	8	3	.727
Wyoming	4	3	.571	7	4	.636
San Diego St.	3	4	.429	5	6	.455
New Mexico	3	4	.429	4	7	.364
Air Force	2	5	.286	6	5	.545
UNLV	1	6	.143	3	8	.273

Pac-10

Stanford	7	1	.875	8	3	.727
Oregon	6	2	.750	8	3	.727
Washington	6	2	.750	7	4	.636
Arizona St.	5	3	.625	6	5	.545
Oregon St.	4	4	.500	7	4	.636
Arizona	3	5	.375	6	6	.500
Southern California	3	5	.375	6	6	.500
California	3	5	.375	4	7	.364
UCLA	2	6	.250	4	7	.364
Washington St.	1	7	.125	3	9	.250

Southeastern

EAST						
Florida	7	1	.875	9	3	.750
Tennessee	6	2	.750	9	2	.818
Georgia	5	3	.625	7	4	.636
Kentucky	4	4	.500	6	5	.545
Vanderbilt	2	6	.250	5	6	.455
South Carolina	0	8	.000	0	11	.000
WEST						
Alabama	7	1	.875	10	2	.833
Mississippi St.	6	2	.750	9	2	.818
Mississippi	4	4	.500	7	4	.636
Arkansas	4	4	.500	7	4	.636
Auburn	2	6	.250	5	6	.455
LSU	1	7	.125	3	8	.273

Western Athletic

Fresno St.	5	2	.714	8	4	.667
Hawaii	5	2	.714	8	4	.667
TCU	5	2	.714	7	4	.636
Rice	4	3	.571	5	6	.455
Southern Methodist	3	3	.500	4	6	.400
UTEP	3	4	.429	5	7	.417
San Jose St.	1	5	.167	3	7	.300
Tulsa	1	6	.143	2	9	.182

Independents

Louisiana Tech	.....	8	3	.727
La.-Monroe	.....	5	6	.455
Navy	.....	5	7	.417
Notre Dame	.....	5	7	.417
Central Fla.	.....	4	7	.364
Middle Tenn. St.	.....	3	8	.273
La.-Lafayette	.....	2	9	.182

Division I-AA

CONFERENCE			OVERALL		
W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT

Atlantic 10

James Madison	7	1	.875	8	3	.727
Massachusetts	7	1	.889	8	3	.727
Villanova	6	2	.750	7	4	.636
Delaware	5	3	.625	7	4	.636
William & Mary	5	3	.625	6	5	.545
Connecticut	3	5	.375	4	7	.364
Maine	3	5	.375	4	7	.364
New Hampshire	3	5	.375	5	6	.455
Richmond	3	6	.333	5	6	.455
Northeastern	1	7	.125	2	9	.182
Rhode Island	1	7	.125	1	10	.091

Big Sky

Montana	7	1	.875	9	2	.818
Portland St.	6	2	.750	8	3	.727
Northern Ariz.	6	2	.750	8	3	.727
Eastern Wash.	6	2	.750	7	4	.636
Cal St. Northridge	4	4	.500	5	6	.455
Cal St. Sacramento	3	5	.375	6	5	.545
Weber St.	2	6	.250	3	8	.273
Idaho St.	1	7	.125	3	8	.273
Montana St.	1	7	.125	3	8	.273

Gateway

Illinois St.	6	0	1.000	9	2	.818
Youngstown St.	5	1	.833	9	2	.818
Northern Iowa	3	3	.500	8	3	.727
Western Ill.	2	4	.333	7	4	.636
Southwest Mo. St.	2	4	.333	5	6	.455
Indiana St.	2	4	.333	3	8	.273
Southern Ill.	1	5	.167	5	6	.455

Ivy League

Brown	6	1	.857	9	1	.909
Yale	6	1	.857	9	1	.909
Cornell	5	2	.714	7	3	.700
Pennsylvania	4	3	.571	5	5	.500
Harvard	3	4	.429	5	5	.500
Dartmouth	2	5	.286	2	8	.200
Columbia	1	6	.143	3	7	.300
Princeton	1	6	.143	3	7	.300

Metro Atlantic Athletic

Fairfield	7	1	.875	9	2	.818
Georgetown	7	1	.875	9	2	.818
Duquesne	6	2	.750	8	3	.727
Marist	5	3	.625	6	5	.545
Iona	4	4	.500	5	5	.500
La Salle	3	5	.375	4	6	.400
Siena	3	5	.375	3	7	.300
St. Peter's	1	7	.125	1	10	.091
Canisius	0	8	.000	1	10	.091

Mid-Eastern Athletic

North Caro. A&T	8	0	1.000	10	1	.909
Florida A&M	7	1	.875	8	3	.727
Hampton	5	3	.625	7	4	.636
Bethune-Cookman	4	4	.500	7	4	.636
Howard	4	4	.500	5	6	.455
Delaware St.	4	4	.500	4	7	.364
South Carolina St.	2	5	.286	4	6	.400
Norfolk St.	1	7	.125	2	9	.182
Morgan St.	0	7	.000	2	8	.200

Northeast

Robert Morris	7	0	1.000	8	2	.800
Albany (N.Y.)	6	1	.857	7	2	.778
Wagner	5	2	.714	5	5	.500
Stony Brook	4	3	.571	5	5	.500
Central Conn. St.	3	4	.429	4	6	.400
Monmouth	2	5	.286	2	8	.200
St. Francis (Pa.)	1	6	.143	2	9	.182
Sacred Heart	0	7	.000	2	9	.182

Ohio Valley

Tennessee St.	7	0	1.000	11	0	1.000
Murray St.	5	2	.714	7	4	.636
Eastern Ky.	4	3	.571	7	4	.636
Western Ky.	4	3	.571	6	5	.545
Tennessee Tech	4	3	.571	5	5	.500
Southeast Mo. St.	2	5	.286	3	8	.273
Eastern Ill.	2	5	.286	2	10	.167
Tenn.-Martin	0	7	.000	1	10	.091

Patriot League

Colgate	5	1	.833	10	1	.909
Lehigh	5	1	.833	10	1	.909
Towson	4	2	.667	7	4	.636
Bucknell	3	3	.500	7	4	.636
Lafayette	2	4	.333	4	7	.364
Holy Cross	2	4	.333	3	8	.273
Dordham	0	6	.000	0	11	.000

Football Recap

Gulf South

Arkansas Tech.	8	1	.889	9	2	.818
Southern Ark.	7	2	.778	8	2	.800
West Georgia	7	2	.778	8	3	.727
Delta St.	6	3	.667	6	4	.600
North Ala.	5	4	.556	5	6	.455
Central Ark.	3	6	.333	4	6	.400
Ark.-Monticello	3	6	.333	4	7	.364
Valdosta St.	3	6	.333	4	7	.364
Henderson St.	2	7	.222	2	9	.182
West Ala.	1	8	.111	1	10	.091

Lone Star

Northeastern St.	7	2	.778	8	3	.727
Southeastern St.	7	2	.778	7	4	.636
Central Okla.	6	2	.750	8	2	.800
Southwestern Okla.	4	5	.444	5	5	.500
Harding	3	5	.375	5	5	.500
East Central	3	5	.375	3	7	.300
Ouachita Baptist	1	7	.125	3	7	.300

SOUTH

Eastern N. M.	6	3	.667	8	3	.727
Angelo St.	6	3	.667	7	4	.636
Tarleton St.	5	4	.556	5	6	.455
Tex. A&M-Kingsville	5	4	.556	5	6	.455
Abilene Christian	4	5	.444	4	6	.400
Tex. A&M-Commerce	4	5	.444	4	7	.364
Midwestern St.	3	6	.333	4	7	.364
West Tex. A&M	2	7	.222	3	8	.273

Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association

Northwest Mo. St.	9	0	1.000	10	1	.909
Pittsburg St.	8	1	.889	10	1	.909
Mo. Western St.	6	3	.667	7	4	.636
Central Mo. St.	5	4	.556	7	4	.636
Washburn	4	5	.444	6	5	.545
Emporia St.	4	5	.444	5	6	.455
Truman St.	4	5	.444	4	7	.364
Mo. Southern St.	3	6	.333	5	6	.455
Southwest Baptist	2	7	.222	2	9	.182
Mo.-Rolla	0	9	.000	0	11	.000

North Central Intercollegiate Athletic

Northern Colo.	8	1	.889	10	1	.909
North Dakota	8	1	.889	9	1	.909
North Dakota St.	7	2	.778	9	2	.818
South Dakota St.	6	3	.667	8	3	.727
Neb.-Omaha	5	4	.556	7	4	.636
Augustana (S.D.)	3	6	.333	5	6	.455
South Dakota	3	6	.333	4	7	.364
Minn.-St.-Mankato	2	7	.222	4	7	.364
Morningside	2	7	.222	3	8	.273
St. Cloud St.	1	8	.111	3	8	.273

Northern Sun Intercollegiate Athletic

Northern St.	8	0	1.000	9	2	.818
Bemidji St.	6	2	.750	8	3	.727
Winona St.	6	2	.750	7	4	.636
Moorhead St.	5	3	.625	7	4	.636
Southwest St.	5	3	.625	6	5	.545
Minn.-Duluth	3	5	.375	3	8	.273
Wayne St. (Neb.)	3	5	.375	3	8	.273
Minn.-Crookston	2	6	.250	3	7	.300
Concordia-St. Paul	2	6	.250	2	7	.222
Minn.-Morris	0	8	.000	0	11	.000

Pennsylvania State Athletic

EASTERN						
West Chester	6	0	1.000	7	3	.700
Millersville	5	1	.833	8	2	.800
Bloomsburg	4	2	.667	7	4	.636
Kutztown	3	3	.500	4	6	.400
East Stroudsburg	2	4	.333	4	7	.364
Mansfield	1	5	.167	1	9	.100
Cheyney	0	6	.000	1	10	.091
WESTERN						
Slippery Rock	6	0	1.000	10	1	.909
Indiana (Pa.)	5	1	.833	7	3	.700
Shippensburg	4	2	.667	8	3	.727
Calif. (Pa.)	2	4	.333	5	6	.455
Clarion	2	4	.333	3	7	.300
Edinboro	2	4	.333	3	8	.273
Lock Haven	0	6	.000	2	9	.182

Rocky Mountain Athletic

Chadron St.	7	1	.875	7	3	.700
N. M. Highlands	7	1	.875	7	4	.636
Neb.-Kearney	6	2	.750	7	3	.700
Mesa St.	4	4	.500	6	5	.545
Western St.	4	4	.500	5	6	.455
Adams St.	4	4	.500	4	6	.400
Fort Hays St.	2	6	.250	2	9	.182
Fort Lewis	2	6	.250	2	9	.182
Colorado Mines	0	8	.000	1	9	.100

South Atlantic

Carson-Newman	8	0	1.000	10	0	1.000
Catawba	7	1	.875	10	1	.909
Mars Hill	5	3	.625	7	4	.636
Gardner-Webb	4	4	.500	7	4	.636
Presbyterian	4	4	.500	7	4	.636
Lenoir-Rhyne	3	5	.375	5	6	.455
Newberry	3	5	.375	5	6	.455
Wingate	2	6	.250	3	8	.273
Tusculum	0	8	.000	2	9	.182

Southern Intercollegiate Athletic

Fort Valley St.	5	1	.833	10	1	.909
Tuskegee	5	1	.833	9	3	.750
Albany (Ga.) St.	4	2	.667	7	3	.700
Kentucky St.	4	2	.667	5	6	.455
Miles	2	4	.333	3	7	.300
Lane	2	4	.333	2	8	.200
Clark Atlanta	1	5	.167	3	7	.300
Morehouse	1	5	.167	2	8	.200
Morris Brown	0	0	.000	6	5	.545
Savannah St.	0	0	.000	5	6	.455

West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic

Shepherd	6	0	1.000	9	1	.900
Fairmont St.	5	1	.833	8	2	.800
West Liberty St.	4	2	.667	6	4	.600
West Virginia St.	2	4	.333	5	5	.500
Glenville St.	2	4	.333	5	6	.455
West Va. Wesleyan	2	4	.333	2	8	.200
Concord	1	5	.167	3	8	.273
West Va. Tech	1	6	.143	1	10	.091

Independents

UC Davis	9	1	.900
New Haven	5	5	.500
Western N. M.	4	5	.444
St. Joseph's (Ind.)	4	7	.364
Texas Lutheran	3	7	.300
Quincy	3	8	.273
Okla. Panhandle	1	9	.100

Division III

CONFERENCE			OVERALL		
W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT

American Southwest

Hardin-Simmons	7	0	1.000	10	0	1.000
McMurry	6	1	.857	7	2	.778
Howard Payne	4	3	.571	5	5	.500
Mississippi Col.	3	4	.429	6	4	.600
Mary-Hardin Baylor	3	4	.429	4	6	.400
Austin	2	5	.286	3	7	.300
Texas Lutheran	2	5	.286	3	7	.300
Sul Ross St.	1	6	.143	2	8	.200

Atlantic Central

Frostburg St.	5	1	.833	8	2	.800
Wesley	4	2	.667	6	4	.600
Ferrum	4	2	.667	6	4	.600
Chowan	2	4	.333	5	4	.556
Greensboro	2	4	.333	3	6	.333
Methodist	2	4	.333	3	7	.300
Salisbury St.	2	4	.333	2	7	.222

Centennial Football

Western Md.	7	0	1.000	10	0	1.000
Ursinus	6	1	.857	9	1	.900
Muhlenberg	4	3	.571	6	4	.600
Dickinson	4	3	.571	6	4	.600
Johns Hopkins	3	4	.429	4	6	.400
Gettysburg	2	5	.286	3	7	.300
Frank. & Marsh.	1	6	.143	2	8	.200
Swarthmore	0	7	.000	1	8	.111

College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin

Augustana (Ill.)	6	1	.857	8	1	.889
Wheaton (Ill.)	5	2	.714	7	2	.778
Millikin	5	2	.714	7	2	.778
Ill. Wesleyan	4	3	.571	6	3	.667
Carthage	4	3	.571	5	4	.556
North Central	2	5	.286	2	7	.222
North Park	1	6	.143	2	7	.222
Elmhurst	1	6	.143	2	7	.222

Freedom Football

Western Conn. St.	6	0	1.000	10	0	1.000
Worcester Tech	3	3	.500	5	4	.556
Plymouth St.	4	2	.667	7	3	.700
Springfield	4	2	.667	4	6	.400
Coast Guard	1	5	.167	1	9	.100
Norwich	1	5	.167	4	6	.400
Merchant Marine	2	4	.333	3	7	.300

Heartland Football

Hanover	7	0	1.000	10	0	1.000
Wabash	5	2	.714	5	5	.500
Wilmington (Ohio)	6	1	.857	9	1	.900
Bluffton	4	3	.571	7	3	.700
Franklin	2	5	.286	4	6	.400
Anderson	2	5	.286	2	8	.200
Mt. St. Joseph	2	5	.286	3	7	.300
Manchester	0	7	.000	2	8	.200

Illini Badger

Aurora	7	0	1.000	8	2	.800
MacMurray	4	3	.571	6	4	.600
Lakeland	4	3	.571	5	5	.500
Concordia (Wis.)	4	3	.571	5	5	.500
Benedictine (Ill.)	3	4	.429	6	4	.600
Greenville (Ill.)	3	4	.429	5	5	.500
Eureka	3	4	.429	4	6	.400
Concordia (Ill.)	0	7	.000	2	8	.200

Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic

Wartburg	10	0	1.000	10	0	1.000
Central (Iowa)	9	1	.900	9	1	.900
Buena Vista	7	3	.700	7	3	.700
Upper Iowa	6	4	.600	6	4	.600
Simpson	6	4	.600	6	4	.600
Coe	4	6	.400	4	6	.400
Loras	4	6	.400	4	6	.400
William Penn	3	7	.300	3	7	.300
Cornell College	3	7	.300	3	7	.300
Luther	2	8	.200	2	8	.200
Dubuque	1	9	.100	1	9	.100

Michigan Intercollegiate

Alma	5	1	.833	8	1	.889
Albion	5	1	.833	6	3	.667
Hope	5	1	.833	5	4	.556
Defiance	3	3	.500	4	5	.444
Kalamazoo	2	4	.333	3	6	.333
Adrian	1	5	.167	2	7	.222
Olivet	0	6	.000	0	9	.000

Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic

COMMONWEALTH						
Susquehanna	4	1	.800	7	3	.700
Widener	3	2	.600	6	4	.600
Juniata	3	2	.600	6	4	.600
Albright	2	3	.400	3	7	.300
Lebanon Valley	2	3	.400	2	8	.200
Moravian	1	4	.200	2	8	.200
FREEDOM						
Lycoming	4	0	1.000	9	0	1.000
Wilkes	3	1	.750	6	4	.600
FDU-Madison	2	2	.500	5	5	.500
King's (Pa.)	1	3	.250	5	5	.500
Delaware Valley	0	4	.000	2	8	.200

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Old Dominion Athletic

Catholic	6	0	1.000	9	1	.900
Emory & Henry	4	2	.667	6	4	.600
Randolph-Macon	4	2	.667	5	5	.500
Bridgewater (Va.)	3	3	.500	5	5	.500
Wash. & Lee	3	3	.500	5	5	.500
Guilford	2	4	.333	4	6	.400
Hampden-Sydney	0	6	.000	1	9	.100

Presidents' Athletic

Wash. & Jeff.	4	0	1.000	8	2	.800
Grove City	3	1	.750	6	4	.600
Waynesburg	2	2	.500	5	4	.556
Bethany (W.V.)	1	3	.250	4	6	.400
Thiel	0	4	.000	3	7	.300

St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic

Westminster (Mo.)	2	1	.667	8	2	.800
MacMurray	2	1	.667	6	4	.600
Greenville	2	1	.667	5	5	.500
Blackburn	0	3	.000	2	8	.200

Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic

Redlands	5	0	1.000	7	2	.778
La Verne	4	1	.800	7	2	.778
Cal Lutheran	3	2	.600	3	6	.333
Claremont-M-S	2	3	.400	5	4	.556
Occidental	1	4	.200	2	7	.222
Whittier	0	5	.000	0	9	.000

Southern Collegiate Athletic

Trinity (Tex.)	6	0	1.000	10	0	1.000
Rhodes	4	2	.667	6	3	.667
Sewanee	4	2	.667	6	4	.600
Centre	3	3	.500	5	5	.500
DePauw	3	3	.500	5	5	.500
Millsaps	1	5	.167	2	8	.200
Rose-Hulman	0	6	.000	2	8	.200

University Athletic Association

Washington (Mo.)	4	0	1.000	8	2	.800
Carnegie Mellon	3	1	.750	7	3	.700
Rochester	2	2	.500	3	6	.333
Chicago	1	3	.250	5	4	.556
Case Reserve	0	4	.000	2	8	.200

Upstate Collegiate Athletic

Rensselaer	4	0	1.000	9	0	1.000
Union (N.Y.)	3	1	.750	8	2	.800
Hobart	2	2	.500	5	4	.556
Rochester	1	3	.250	3	6	.333
St. Lawrence	0	4	.000	0	10	.000

Wisconsin State University

Wis.-Stevens Point	6	1	.857	9	1	.900
Wis.-La Crosse	6	1	.857	7	3	.700
Wis.-Platteville	3	4	.429	5	5	.500
Wis.-River Falls	5	2	.714	6	4	.600
Wis.-Eau Claire	2	5	.286	2	8	.200
Wis.-Whitewater	3	4	.429	3	7	.300
Wis.-Oshkosh	2	5	.286	3	7	.300
Wis.-Stout	1	6	.143	2	8	.200

Independents

Pomona-Pitzer	7	1	.875
Buffalo St.	7	2	.778
Ithaca	7	3	.700
Maryville (Tenn.)	7	3	.700
Thomas More	7	3	.700
Martin Luther	5	3	.625
Alfred	6	4	.600
Brockport St.	6	4	.600
Hartwick	6	4	.600
Chapman	5	4	.556
Menlo	5	4	.556
Cortland St.	5	5	.500
Eastern Ore.	5	5	.500
Neb. Wesleyan	4	6	.400
Principia	3	5	.375
Maranatha Baptist	3	6	.333
Stillman	3	6	.333
Colorado Col.	2	7	.222
St. John Fisher	1	8	.111

Bowl Games

Alamo	Penn State 24, Texas A&M 0
Aloha	Wake Forest 23, Arizona State 3
Citrus	Michigan St. 37, Florida 34
Cotton	Arkansas 27, Texas 6
Fiesta	Nebraska 31, Tennessee 21
Gator	Miami 28, Georgia Tech 13
Heritage Bowl	Southern 28, Bethune-Cookman 2
Holiday	Kansas State 24, Washington 20
Humanitarian	Boise State 34, Louisville 31
Independence	Ole Miss 27, Oklahoma 25
Insight.com	Colorado 62, Boston College 28
Las Vegas	Utah 17, Fresno State 16
Liberty	Southern Miss 23, Colorado St. 17
Micron PC	Illinois 63, Virginia 21
Mobile Alabama	Texas Christian 28, East Carolina 14
Motor City	Marshall 21, Brigham Young 3
Music City Bowl	Syracuse 20, Kentucky 13
Oahu	Hawaii 23, Oregon State 17
Orange	Michigan 35, Alabama 34, OT
Outback	Georgia 28, Purdue 25, OT
Peach	Mississippi St. 17, Clemson 7
Rose	Wisconsin 17, Stanford 9
Sugar	Florida State 46, Virginia Tech 29
Sun	Oregon 24, Minnesota 20

Division I-AA Playoffs

FIRST ROUND

Hofstra 27	Lehigh 15
Illinois State 56	Colgate 13
Florida A&M 44	Appalachian State 29
Massachusetts 30	Furman 23
Georgia Southern 72	Northern Arizona 29
North Carolina A&T 24	Tennessee State 10
Troy State 27	James Madison 7
Youngstown State 30	Montana 27

QUARTERFINALS

Illinois State 37	Hofstra 20
Georgia Southern 38	Massachusetts 21
Youngstown State 41	North Carolina A&T 3
Florida A&M 17	Troy State 10

SEMIFINALS

Georgia Southern 28	Illinois State 17
Youngstown State 27	Florida A & M 24

CHAMPIONSHIP

Georgia Southern 59	Youngstown State 24
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Division II Playoffs

FIRST ROUND

Carson-Newman (TN) 40	Arkansas Tech 28
Catawba 48	Fort Valley State 17
UC Davis 33	Central Oklahoma 17
Northeastern State 27	Western Washington 24 (OT)
Indiana (PA) 27	Slippery Rock 20 (OT)
Millersville 21	Shepherd 14
Northern Colorado 34	Pittsburgh State 31
NW Missouri State 20	North Dakota 13 (OT)

QUARTERFINALS

Indiana PA 26	Millersville 21
NW Missouri St. 41	Northern Colorado 35
Carson-Newman 28	Catawba 25
Northeastern State 19	UC Davis 14

SEMIFINALS

Carson Newman 42	Northeastern State 7
NW Missouri State 20	Indiana, PA 12

CHAMPIONSHIP

NW Missouri State 58	Carson Newman 52 (OT)
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Division III Playoffs

FIRST ROUND

Mount Union 42	Augustana 33
Ohio Northern 58	Wittenberg 24
Montclair State 32	Western Connecticut 24
Rowan 55	Ursinus 0
Trinity (TX) 20	Western Maryland 16
Pacific Lutheran 49	Wartburg 14
St. John's (MN) 10	Central Iowa 9
Hardin-Simmons 51	Washington & Jefferson 3

QUARTERFINALS

Mount Union 56	Ohio Northern 31
Rowan, N.J. 42	Montclair State 13
Pacific Lutheran 19	St. John's (MN) 9
Trinity (TX) 40	Hardin-Simmons, Texas 33

SEMIFINALS

Rowan 24	Mount Union 17 (OT)
Pacific Lutheran 49	Trinity (TX) 28

CHAMPIONSHIP

Pacific Lutheran 42	Rowan 13
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NAIA Playoffs

FIRST ROUND

Taylor University (IN) 38	Missouri Valley College 12
Hastings College (NE) 45	Bethany College (KS) 23
Georgetown College (KY) 38	University of St. Francis (IN) 0
University of Mary (ND) 34	Huron University (SD) 3
NW Oklahoma State 44	Southwestern Col. (KS) 10
Lambuth University (TN) 41	McKendree College (IL) 38
Rocky Mountain Col. (MT) 38	Dickinson State (ND) 32
Azusa Pacific (CA) 31	Doane College (NE) 12

QUARTERFINALS

Georgetown College (KY) 55	Taylor University (IN) 3
University of Mary (ND) 7	Rocky Mountain Col. (MT) 3
NW Oklahoma State 56	Lambuth University (TN) 13
Azusa Pacific (CA) 38	Hastings College (NE) 35

SEMIFINALS

NW Oklahoma State 21	University of Mary (ND) 6
Georgetown College (KY) 66	Azusa Pacific (CA) 35

CHAMPIONSHIP

NW Oklahoma State 34	Georgetown College (KY) 26
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- Passing Yards over 300 =5 points
 - Rushing Yards over 200 =5 points
 - Every Sack Allowed =1 point
 - Interceptions =1 point
- Bonus Points (Defense)**
- Passing Yards under 150 =5 points
 - Rushing Yards under 100 =5 points
 - Every Sack =1 point
 - Every Interception =1 point
- Bonus Points (Team)**
- Win =10 points
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